


Los Angeles County Code

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10.04.020 - References to Amendments and Additions

A reference made to any section of this Division 1 applies to all amendments and additions.
(Ord. 2016-0040 § 2, 2016: Ord. 9454 § 1 (part), 1967: Ord. 4729 Art. 1 § 104, 1946.)

10.04.040 - Interpretation of Language

Each gender includes both genders unless otherwise stated.
(Ord. 2016-0040 § 4, 2016: Ord. 87-0036 § 1, 1987: Ord. 9454 § 1 (part), 1967: Ord. 4729 Art. 1 §§ 105 and 106, 1946.)

10.04.050 - Powers of Deputies

A power granted to or a duty imposed upon the Director or other public officer may be exercised or performed by a deputy of the officer or by a legally authorized person unless this Division 1 provides otherwise.
(Ord. 2016-0040 § 5, 2016: Ord. 9454 § 1 (part), 1967: Ord. 4729 Art. 1 § 107, 1946.)

10.04.055 - Authorization to Issue Notices to Appear—Qualifications of Officers

The Director has discretion to authorize an animal control officer who has completed the requirements of Penal Code section 832 to issue notices to appear in court under Penal Code section 853.5, et seq. An animal control officer is not authorized to take a person into custody.
(Ord. 2016-0040 § 6, 2016: Ord. 90-0089 § 1, 1990.)

10.04.060 - Violation—Penalty

A person who violates any provision of this title is guilty of an infraction, unless another penalty is stated. Misdemeanors are punishable under Penal Code section 19.
(Ord. 2016-0040 § 7, 2016: Ord. 2004-0036 § 1, 2004: Ord. 90-0089 § 2, 1990: Ord. 89-0166 § 1, 1989: Ord. 87-0191 § 16, 1987: Ord. 83-0043 § 1, 1983: Ord. 9454 § 1 (part), 1967: Ord. 4729 Art. 1 § 108, 1946.)

10.04.065 - Fees for Services

The fees and costs for animal-related services will be determined annually by the Auditor-Controller, and will be posted in each animal care center and on the Department's website.
(Ord. 2016-0040 § 8, 2016: Ord. 2009-0017 § 1, 2009.)

10.04.070 - Department Jurisdiction—Enforcement of Title 10

Title 10 of the Los Angeles County Code is enforced in all unincorporated areas of the County of Los Angeles. Title 10, or portions of Title 10, will be enforced in contract cities as applicable.
(Ord. 2016-0040 § 9, 2016.)

10.04.075 - Administrative Citations

A. Violations.

The Department may enforce violations of the ordinances listed in subsection B as administrative citations in lieu of criminal prosecution subject to the following fines:

1. First violation: Fine of up to \$100.
2. Second violation of the same section of Title 10 within the preceding 12 months:
Fine of up to \$250.

3. Third violation of the same section of Title 10 within the preceding 12 months:
Fine of up to \$500.
4. Each additional violation of the same section of Title 10 within the preceding 12 months:
Fine of up to \$500.
- B. Provisions Subject to Administrative Citations.
A written Notice of Violation and Administrative Fine ("Notice") will be served on a person who has violated one of the following code sections:
 1. Section 10.20.030: License—Required—Fees and Other Charges;
 2. Section 10.20.185: Microchipping of Dogs and Cats Required;
 3. Section 10.20.220: Vaccination Requirements;
 4. Section 10.32.010: Dogs at Large; and
 5. Section 10.40.060: Animal Noise.
- C. Notice of Violation.
The Notice must contain the following information: the Code section violated; a description of the Code violation; the name of the employee who issued the citation; the amount of the fine; the procedure to pay the fine; the date by which the violation must be corrected; and the procedures for requesting administrative review to contest the imposition of the administrative fine. A violator seeking administrative review of the imposition of the administrative fine may submit a Request for Hardship Waiver form, signed under penalty of perjury, to the Department within 10 calendar days after the citation is issued.
- D. Service of Notice of Violation and Administrative Fine.
The Department will serve the Notice on the violator by personal delivery or by first class mail, postage prepaid, at the last known address of the violator.
- E. Payment.
The Notice is the final administrative order of the County, unless the violator requests administrative review to contest the imposition of the administrative fine. The fine is due and payable to the Department within 14 calendar days after the Notice is served on the violator, as set forth above, or within 14 calendar days after a waiver for hardship is denied, whichever is later. The payment may be made in person or by mail to the address specified on the citation.
- F. Correction of Code Violation.
Payment of the administrative fine does not excuse the violator from correcting the code violation. A further notice of violation may be issued and other action may be taken as authorized in this Title, or other applicable law, if the violation is not corrected by the compliance date.
- G. Request for Administrative Review.
A violator served with a Notice may contest the imposition of and/or amount of the fine by requesting that the matter be reviewed by declaration or at a hearing. The request must be made in writing on a Request for Administrative Review form ("Request") provided by the Department and must be received by the Department within 14 calendar days after the Notice has been served on the violator, as set forth above. The Request must also include the basis for contesting the fine and any evidence to be considered. A check payable to the Department of Animal Care and Control, in the amount of the administrative fine (deposit), must be included with the Request.
- H. Administrative Review Procedures.
 1. Review by Declaration.
 - a. Documentary and other evidence, including a declaration under penalty of perjury, may be submitted with the Request.
 - b. Upon receipt of the Request, the Department will notify the complaining party of the review requested by the violator. The complaining party may supplement the previously submitted complaint with additional evidence.
 - c. The Department will assign an employee (other than the citing officer or anyone junior to the citing officer) to review the evidence. The reviewing employee will mail the decision to the complaining party and to the violator ("the parties") within ten days after the decision is made.
 2. Review by Hearing.
 - a. Hearing Date and Continuance. A hearing will be conducted by a hearing officer (other than the citing officer or anyone junior to the citing officer) on the date, time, and place specified in the Notice of Hearing, which will be served by first class mail on the parties. The hearing officer has discretion to grant a continuance of the hearing date upon a request and a showing of good cause by either party. A request to continue the hearing

must be made in writing to the Department and be received by the hearing officer at least two business days before the hearing date.

- b. Conduct of Hearing. The violator will have an opportunity to present relevant evidence at the hearing. Failure of the violator to appear at the administrative hearing constitutes an abandonment of the hearing request and a failure to exhaust administrative remedies to judicially challenge the imposition of the administrative fine. If the administrative hearing is abandoned, the Department will keep the funds deposited with the Request. The Notice and any documentary evidence prepared by the enforcement officer or other Department employees will be accepted by the hearing officer as prima facie evidence of the Code violation and the facts stated in those documents. The enforcement officer may attend the hearing at the discretion of the Department. Once begun, the hearing officer may continue the hearing from time to time, in his or her sole discretion.
 - c. Decision. After considering all the evidence and testimony submitted at the hearing and within ten calendar days after the close of the hearing, the hearing officer will issue a written decision to either confirm or cancel the administrative fine or to reduce the amount of the fine. The written decision will include a statement of the reasons for the decision, and will be served by first-class mail, postage prepaid, on the parties. The hearing officer's written decision is the final administrative decision of the County.
 - d. Deposited Funds. If the hearing officer confirms the imposition of the full amount of the administrative fine, the Department will keep the deposited funds. If the hearing officer cancels or reduces the administrative fine, the Department will refund the appropriate amount required within 30 calendar days from the date the written decision is mailed.
- I. Judicial Review of Decision Confirming Administrative Fine.
- A person may seek judicial review of the written decision confirming the imposition or reduction of an administrative fine by filing an appeal with the superior court in accordance with the requirements set forth in section 53069.4 of the California Government Code; if judicial review of the written decision is not sought within the time period set forth in that statute, the hearing officer's decision is deemed final.

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Key terms used in Title 10 are defined in this chapter.

(Ord. 2016-0040 § 10, 2016: Ord. 90-0137 § 1, 1990; Ord. 9454 § 1(part), 1967: Ord. 4729 Art. 2 § 201, 1946.)

10.08.015 - Alter.

"Alter" means to spay or neuter

(Ord. 2015-0048 § 1, 2015.)

10.08.020 - Animal

"Animal" means any mammal, bird, reptile, fish, or amphibian.

(Ord. 2016-0040 § 11, 2016: Ord. 9454 § 1 (part), 1967: Ord. 4729 Art. 2 § 217, 1946.)

10.08.21 - Small Animal

"Small animal" means an animal that weighs less than 250 pounds.
(Ord. 2016-0040 § 12, 2016: Ord. 2000-0075 § 1, 2000: Ord. 90-0137 § 2, 2000.)

10.08.22 - Large Animal

"Large animal" means an animal that weighs 250 pounds or more.
(Ord. 2016-0040 § 13, 2016: Ord. 2000-0075 § 2, 2000: Ord. 90-0137 § 3, 1990.)

10.08.30 - Animal Exhibition

"Animal exhibition" means the use of a domestic or wild animal for public entertainment, instruction, or advertisement.
(Ord. 2016-0040 § 14, 2016: Ord. 93-0002 § 1, 1993: Ord. 9454 § 1 (part), 1967: Ord. 4729 Art.2 § 219, 1946.)

10.08.031 - Animal Facility

"Animal facility" means any premises used by an animal-related business or organization, including a non-profit humane organization, a grooming shop, a pet shop, a boarding facility, or a breeding facility.
(Ord. 2016-0040 § 15, 2016: Ord. 2009-0043 § 1, 2009: Ord. 2004-0036 § 2, 2004.)

10.08.032 - Animal Facility Grade Card

"Animal Facility Grade Card" means a card issued by the Department, showing the letter grade earned by an animal facility, as stated in the most recent Animal Facility Inspection Report.
(Ord. 2016-0040 § 16, 2016: Ord. 2004-0036 § 3, 2004.)

10.08.033- Animal Facility Inspection Report

"Animal Facility Inspection Report" means the report of the Department stating the conditions existing at the facility at the time of the inspection. The letter grade received by the facility is based on the final score stated in the Animal Facility Inspection Report.
(Ord. 2016-0040 § 17, 2016: Ord. 2004-0036 § 4, 2004.)

10.08.040 - Animal Menagerie

"Animal menagerie" means a place where wild animals are kept or maintained for any purpose, including places where wild animals are boarded, trained, or kept for hire.
(Ord. 2016-0040 § 18, 2016: Ord. 9454 § 1 (part), 1967: Ord. 4729 Art. 2 § 220, 1946.)

10.08.050 - Animal Care Center

"Animal care center" means a place where animals impounded by the Department are placed for their humane care and keeping.
(Ord. 2016-0040 § 19, 2016: Ord. 2000-0075 § 3, 2000: Ord. 9454 § 1 (part), 1967: Ord. 4729 Art. 2 § 221, 1946.)

10.08.060 - Approved Rabies Vaccine

"Approved rabies vaccine" means a rabies vaccine approved by the State of California Department of Public Health.
(Ord. 2016-0040 § 20, 2016: Ord. 2000-0075 § 4, 2000: Ord. 10298 § 1, 1971: Ord. 4729 Art. 2 § 224, 1946.)

10.08.065 - Boarding Facility

"Boarding facility" means an animal facility used for the care and temporary boarding, including day care, of dogs, cats, and other animals normally kept as pets, in return for money or other consideration. Boarding facility does not include an animal hospital that only boards animals receiving medical treatment.
(Ord. 2016-0040 § 21, 2016: Ord. 2009-0043 § 2, 2009.)

10.08.070 - Breeding Facility

"Breeding facility" means an animal facility that breeds dogs, cats, or other animals normally kept as pets, for sale or exchange.
(Ord. 2016-0040 § 22, 2016: Ord. 2009-0043 § 3, 2009.)

10.08.075 - Business Days

"Business days" for purposes of Title 10, Division 1, are all days other than legal holidays.
(Ord. 2016-0040 § 23, 2016: Ord. 2000-0075 § 6, 2000.)

10.08.080 - Cat

"Cat" means a cat of any age or gender.

(Ord. 2015-0048 § 2, 2015: Ord. 9454 § 1 (part), 1967: Ord. 7829 § 1, 1960: Ord. 4729 Art. 2 § 212, 1946.)

10.08.85 - Competition Dog or Cat

A. "Competition dog" is a dog used to show, compete, or breed, and is a breed registered with the American Kennel Club (AKC), United Kennel Club (UKC), American Dog Breeders Association (ADBA), or other valid registry approved by the Director, and meets one of the following requirements:

1. Within the last 365 days, the dog has competed in at least one dog show or sporting competition approved by a national registry or the Director;
2. The dog has earned a conformation, obedience, agility, carting, herding, protection, rally, sporting, working, or other title from a purebred dog registry referenced above or other registry or dog sport association approved by the Director; or
3. The owner or custodian of the dog is a member of a purebred dog breed club, approved by the Director, which enforces a code of ethics that includes restrictions on breeding dogs with genetic defects or life threatening health problems.

B. "Competition cat" is a cat used to show, compete, or breed, and is a breed registered with the Cat Fanciers Association ("CFA") or other valid registry approved by the Director, and meets one of the following requirements:

1. Within the last 365 days the cat has competed in at least one cat show approved by a national registry or the Director;
2. The cat has earned a conformation title from a purebred cat registry; or
3. The owner or custodian of the cat is a member of a purebred cat breed club approved by the Director, which enforces a code of ethics that includes restrictions on breeding cats with genetic defects or life threatening health problems.

(Ord. 2015-0048 § 3, 2015.)

10.08.090 - Contact Information

"Contact information" means any available way used to contact a person or business, including address, phone number, facsimile number, and email address.

(Ord. 2016-0040 § 24, 2016.)

10.08.095 - Custodian

"Custodian" for purposes of this Title 10 is a person who keeps or harbors an animal for at least 15 consecutive days.

(Ord. 2015-0048 § 5, 2015.)

10.08.100 - Department

"Department" means the County of Los Angeles Department of Animal Care and Control.

(Ord. 2016-0040 § 25, 2016: Ord. 9454 § 1 (part), 1967: Ord. 4729 Art. 2 § 218, 1946.)

10.08.110 - Director

"Director" means the director of the department of animal care and control.

(Ord. 9454 § 1 (part), 1967: Ord. 4729 Art. 2 § 216, 1946.)

10.08.115 - Disabled Veteran

"Disabled veteran" means a veteran with a disability resulting from a disease or injury incurred or aggravated during military service.

(Ord. 2016-0040 § 26, 2016.)

10.08.120 - Dog

"Dog" means a dog of any age or gender.

(Ord. 2015-0048 § 6, 2015: Ord. 9454 § 1 (part), 1967: Ord. 4729 Art. 2 § 202, 1946.)

10.08.140 - Grooming Parlor/Mobile

"Grooming parlor/mobile" means any place or vehicle where animals are groomed for consideration.
(Ord. 2016-0040 § 27, 2016: Ord. 90-0089 § 3, 1990: Ord. 10487 § 3, 1972: Ord. 4729 Art. 2 § 225, 1946.)

10.08.150 - Guard or Attack Dog

"Guard or attack dog" means a dog, not residing in a private residence that is used to protect a person or property.
(Ord. 2016-0040 § 29, 2016: Ord. 9454 § 1 (part), 1967: Ord. 4729 Art. 2 § 223, 1946.)

10.08.155 - Hobby Breeder

"Hobby breeder" means a person who owns and breeds a dog or cat and sells the offspring for money or other consideration, and does not have an animal facility license.
(Ord. 2016-0040 § 30, 2016: Ord. 2009-0043 § 6, 2009: Ord. 2006-0029 § 1, 2006: Ord. 2004-0036 § 5, 2004.)

10.08.160 - Impounded

"Impounded" means an animal that has been received into the custody of the Department.
(Ord. 2016-0040 § 31, 2016: Ord. 85-0204 § 1, 1985: Ord. 9454 § 1 (part), 1967: Ord. 4729 Art. 2 § 203, 1946.)

10.08.170 - Livestock

"Livestock" includes, but is not limited to, the following: swine, cattle, equines, sheep, goats, llamas, alpacas, poultry, and rabbits.
(Ord. 2016-0040 § 32, 2016: Ord. 2013-0033 § 1, 2013: Ord. 2000-0075 § 8, 2000: Ord. 9454 § 1 (part), 1967: Ord. 4729 Art. 2 § 210, 1946.)

10.08.175 - Nonprofit Humane Organization Animal Facility

"Nonprofit humane organization animal facility" means an animal facility operating under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, where animals are kept for redemption by owners, adoption, or sanctuary.
(Ord. 2016-0040 § 33, 2016: Ord. 2009-0043 § 7, 2009: Ord. 2000-0075 § 9, 2000.)

10.08.180 – Neuter

"Neuter" means surgical removal of both testes.
(Ord. 2015-0048 § 7, 2015.)

10.08.190 - Person

"Person" means and includes an individual, an association of individuals, or other legal entity.
(Ord. 2016-0040 § 34, 2016: Ord. 2011-0011 § 1, 2011: Ord. 9454 § 1 (part), 1967: Ord. 4729 Art. 2 § 205, 1946.)

10.08.200 - Pet Shop

"Pet shop" means a place of business where any animals are sold as pets.
(Ord. 2016-0040 § 35, 2016: Ord. 9454 § 1 (part), 1967: Ord. 4729 Art. 2 § 214, 1946.)

10.08.205 - Pygmy Pig

"Pygmy pig" means a pig or hog commonly referred to as a Vietnamese pot-bellied pig, pygmy pig, or mini-pig, that stands no higher than 20 inches at the shoulder and is no longer than 40 inches from the tip of the head to the end of the buttocks, and weighs no more than 120 pounds.
(Ord. 2016-0040 § 36, 2016: Ord. 92-0110 § 1, 1992.)

10.08.210 - Section

"Section" means a section of Title 10 of the Los Angeles County Code, unless some other ordinance or statute is referenced.
(Ord. 2016-0040 § 37, 2016: Ord. 85-0204 § 2, 1985: Ord. 9454 § 1 (part), 1967: Ord. Art. 2 § 206, 1946.)

10.08.215 - Senior Citizen

A "senior citizen" for purposes of this Division 1, means a person who is 60 years of age or older.
(Ord. 2016-0040 § 38, 2016.)

10.08.0216- Service Animal

"Service Animal" is a guide dog or seeing-eye dog trained by a person licensed under Business and Professions Code section 7200, et seq., including a signal dog, other dog, or miniature horse, trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of a person with a disability, including, but not limited to, guiding persons with impaired vision, alerting persons with impaired hearing to intruders or sounds, providing minimal protection or rescue work, pulling a wheelchair, or fetching dropped items.
(Ord. 2016-0040 § 39, 2016.)

10.08.220 - Spay

"Spay" means surgical removal of both ovaries and the uterus.
(Ord. 2015-0048 § 9, 2015.)

10.08.225 - Unaltered

"Unaltered" means an animal that has not been spayed or neutered.
(Ord. 2016-0040 § 40, 2016; Ord. 2006-0029 § 3, 2006.)

10.08.230 - Unlicensed Dog or Cat

"Unlicensed dog or cat" means any dog or cat that is not currently licensed.
(Ord. 2016-0040 § 41, 2016; Ord. 2000-0075 § 10, 2000; Ord. 9454 § 1 (part), 1967; Ord. 4729 Art. 2 § 208, 1946.)

10.08.240 - Wholesale Wild Animal Dealer

"Wholesale wild animal dealer" means a person who sells wild animals.
(Ord. 2016-0040 § 42, 2016; Ord. 9454 § 1 (part), 1967; Ord. 4729 Art. 2 § 222, 1946.)

10.08.250 - Wild Animal

"Wild animal" is a nondomestic, exotic, or dangerous animal, including, but not limited to, the following: wild/domestic animal hybrids, other mammals, wildfowl, fish, and reptiles.
(Ord. 2016-0040 § 43, 2016; Ord. 2000-0075 § 11, 2000; Ord. 9454 § 1 (part), 1967; Ord. 4729 Art. 2 § 215, 1946.)

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10.12.020 - Licensing Duties

The Director or a Department employee who is assigned to issue licenses, to maintain licensing records, and to collect licensing fees, is deemed a deputy county tax collector, to serve without additional pay. (Ord. 2016-0040 § 45, 2016: Ord. 9454 § 1 (part), 1967: Ord. 7758 § 1, 1960: Ord. 7285 § 1, 1958: Ord. 6955 § 1, 1956: Ord. 4729 Art. 3 § 307, 1946.)

10.12.040 - Director's Powers and Duties

The Director's powers and duties may be exercised and performed by designated Department employees. (Ord. 2016-0040 § 47, 2016: Ord. 9454 § 1 (part), 1967: Ord. 4729 Art. 3 § 311, 1946.)

10.12.050 - Authority to Accept Negotiable Paper

The Director may accept negotiable paper as provided in the Administrative Code, subject to all applicable statutes.

(Ord. 2016-0040 § 48, 2016: Ord. 9943 § 2, 1970: Ord. 9454 § 1 (part), 1967: Ord. 4729 Art. 3 § 314, 1946.)

10.12.60 - Public Spay and Neuter Clinic—Establishment—Services and Fees

- A. The Director may establish a clinic where dogs and cats can be spayed or neutered upon payment of the applicable fees.
- B. A person requesting that a dog or cat be spayed or neutered must provide written consent to the procedure and confirm in writing that he is the owner of the animal. A custodian who is not the owner of the dog or cat must provide written authorization from the owner of the dog or cat. The owner's written authorization must contain a waiver of liability of the County, the Department of Animal Care and Control, and any County employees for injury or death to an animal arising from the requested procedure, or any related services.
- C. The owner or custodian of the animal must pick up the animal on the return date stated by the Department or be subject to a reasonable-board-and care fee starting the day after the return date. An animal that is not picked up within 15 days after the return date is deemed abandoned and the Director may dispose of it by adoption or other disposition.

(Ord. 2016-0040 § 49, 2016: Ord. 2009-0017 § 2, 2009: Ord. 90-0137 § 5, 1990: Ord. 88-0155 § 9, 1988: Ord. 87-0036 § 2, 1987: Ord. 85-0204 § 3, 1985: Ord. 81-0051U § 2, 1981: Ord. 12384 § 1, 1981: Ord. 11771 § 3, 1978: Ord. 11656 § 1, 1978: Ord. 10798 § 1, 1974: Ord. 4729 Art. 3 § 318, 1946.)

10.12.070 - Public Education Programs

The Director may establish education programs to educate the public about the humane treatment of animals. (Ord. 2016-0040 § 50, 2016: Ord. 11302 § 1, 1976: Ord. 4729 Art. 3 § 319, 1946.)

10.12.075 - Incentive Programs

The Director has discretion to offer incentive programs to encourage compliance with the dog and cat licensing requirements.

(Ord. 2016-0040 § 51, 2016: Ord. 2000-0075 § 12, 2000.)

10.12.080 - Animals Held for Observation by County Public Health Officer

When authorized by law, the Director may pick up or accept and care for any animal to be held for observation by the County public health officer.

(Ord. 2016-0040 § 52, 2016: Ord. 2006-0040 § 36, 2006: Ord. 9454 § 1 (part), 1967: Ord. 4729 Art. 3 § 303, 1946.)

10.12.090 - Capture and Custody of Animals

The Director is authorized to capture and take into custody:

- A. Any unlicensed animal, that is required to be licensed;
- B. Any animal being kept or maintained in violation of a state statute or local ordinance;
- C. Dogs and other animals running at large in violation of a state statute or local ordinance;
- D. Sick, injured, stray, unwanted or abandoned animals;
- E. Unvaccinated dogs in violation of this Division 1;
- F. Animals relinquished to the Department;
- G. Animals for which the owner or custodian is unable to care because of imprisonment, illness, bankruptcy litigation, or other contingency, or in cases in which the owner or custodian cannot be found.

(Ord. 2016-0040 § 53, 2016: Ord. 2013-0033 § 2, 2013: Ord. 9454 § 1 (part), 1967: Ord. 4729 Art. 3 § 302, 1946.)

10.12.100 - Animals Kept in Animal Care Centers

Animals taken into custody by the Department must be placed in County animal care centers or other appropriate facilities.

(Ord. 2016-0040 § 54, 2016: Ord. 2000-0075 § 13, 2000: Ord. 9454 § 1 (part), 1967: Ord. 4729 Art. 3 § 304, 1946.)

10.12.110 - Charges and Fees for Taking Unwanted Animals

An owner or custodian who relinquishes an animal or asks the Department to pick up an unwanted animal will be charged an owner-surrender fee. An owner or custodian who later redeems the animal will be charged board and care costs.

(Ord. 2016-0040 § 55, 2016: Ord. 2009-0017 § 3, 2009: Ord. 90-0137 § 6, 1990: Ord. 87-0036 § 3, 1987: Ord. 85-0204 § 4, 1985: Ord. 83-0182 § 1, 1983: Ord. 11771 § 5, 1978: Ord. 4729 Art. 3 § 320, 1946.)

10.12.120 - Removing Animals from Custody—Requirements

A person must receive permission from the Director, and pay the required fees and charges, before removing an animal from the Director's custody.

(Ord. 2016-0040 § 56, 2016: Ord. 2000-0075 § 15, 2000: Ord. 9454 § 1 (part), 1967: Ord. 4729 Art. 3 § 316, 1946.)

10.12.130 - Dead Animals and Dead Livestock—Pickup from Public and Private Property—Fee—Exceptions

The Director will pick up and dispose of all dead animals and livestock on public highways and on public and private property within the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County, when the owner is unknown, or at the request of the animal's owner or other person having custody or control over the animal. The fees for removal services are determined annually as provided in Section 10.04.065. However, the Director is not required to pick up dead animals:

- A. In Garbage Disposal Districts where contractors are required by contract to perform that service;
- B. In beach areas if the animal weighs more than 150 pounds;
- C. Where a large number of animals have died requiring specialized equipment and/or skills beyond the capability of the Department;
- D. In areas that are not reasonably accessible to Department staff or equipment.

(Ord. 2016-0040 § 57, 2016: Ord. 2009-0017 § 5, 2009: Ord. 90-0137 § 8, 1990: Ord. 87-0036 § 4, 1987: Ord. 85-0204 § 5, 1985: Ord. 11771 § 4, 1978: Ord. 9454 § 1 (part), 1967: Ord. 4729 Art. 3 § 305, 1946.)

10.12.140 - Dead Animals—Pickup from Businesses or Other Facilities

An animal-related business, such as a pet hospital, nonprofit humane organization animal facility, stable, or veterinary business, or any commercial, industrial, educational, medical, or other facility that deals with animals in connection with its operation, must pay the required fee for the pick up or delivery of a dead animal. (Ord. 2016-0040 § 58, 2016: Ord. 2009-0043 § 8, 2009: Ord. 2009-0017 § 6, 2009: Ord. 2000-0075 § 16, 2000: Ord. 90-0137 § 9, 1990: Ord. 88-0155 § 5, 1988: Ord. 87-0036 § 5, 1987: Ord. 85-0204 § 6, 1985: Ord. 11176 § 1, 1975: Ord. 4729 Art. 3 § 305.5, 1946.)

10.12.150 - Tranquilizer Gun Equipment—Authorized Use

The Director may designate employees who are authorized to transport and operate tranquilizer gun equipment for use in the capture and seizure of animals. (Ord. 2016-0040 § 59, 2016: Ord. 2000-0075 § 17, 2000: Ord. 83-0182 § 2, 1983: Ord. 10594 § 1, 1972: Ord. 4729 Art. 3 § 317, 1946.)

10.12.160 - Inhumane Treatment—Enforcement of State Law

The Director will enforce the California Penal Code provisions relating to the inhumane treatment of animals, take possession of abandoned or neglected animals, and care for or dispose of the animals in accordance with law. (Ord. 2016-0040 § 60, 2016: Ord. 10354 § 1 (part), 1971: Ord. 9454 § 1 (part), 1967: Ord. 4729 Art. 3 § 309, 1946.)

10.12.190 - Refusing to Show License or Certificate Unlawful

A person who refuses a request by an authorized Department employee to produce a dog or cat rabies vaccination certificate, license or tag is guilty of a misdemeanor. (Ord. 2016-0040 § 64, 2016: Ord. 2000-0075 § 19, 2000: Ord. 9454 § 1 (part), 1967: Ord. 4729 Art. 3 § 313, 1946.)

10.12.200 - Interfering with Department Officers Prohibited

A person who interferes with, opposes, or resists the Director or an employee of the Department, while the Director or employee is performing his or her duties is guilty of a misdemeanor. (Ord. 2016-0040 § 65, 2016: Ord. 4729 § 315, 1946.)

10.12.210 - Right of Entry for Inspection

- A. An authorized County employee or a law enforcement officer may enter a building or property to inspect the premises only if:
1. The owner or occupant of the building or property consents to the entry and inspection after the authorized County employee or law enforcement officer presents his credentials and explains the reasons for the entry and inspection; or
 2. The authorized County employee or law enforcement officer obtains a warrant for the entry and inspection of the building or property under sections 1822.50 to 1822.57 of the Code of Civil Procedure; or
 3. The authorized County employee or law enforcement officer has reasonable cause to believe that the keeping of an animal on the property is so hazardous, unsafe, or dangerous that an immediate inspection is necessary to safeguard an animal or public health and safety. Under these circumstances, the employee or officer may use reasonable means to immediately enter and inspect the building or property after presenting his credentials to the owner or occupant and requesting entry, if possible under the circumstances.
- B. This section does not prohibit an authorized County employee or law enforcement officer from entering property in the Department's jurisdiction for the purpose of capturing an animal running at large in violation of this Division 1 or other applicable law. A person who prevents or obstructs the capture of an animal running at large is guilty of a misdemeanor. (Ord. 2016-0040 § 66, 2016: Ord. 11489 § 1, 1977: Ord. 9454 § 1 (part), 1967: Ord. 4729 Art. 3 § 306, 1946.)

10.12.220 - Animal Facility Inspection and Grading Authority.

A designated Department employee is authorized to inspect an animal facility as stated in Section 10.28.150, and must report the findings in an animal facility inspection report. The letter grade issued by the Department is based on the most recent animal facility inspection report of the facility. The Director is authorized to recommend appropriate licensing or other legal action as stated in Section 10.28.290. (Ord. 2016-0040 § 67, 2016: Ord. 2004-0036 § 6, 2004.)

Chapter 10.16
Department of Animal Care and Control Volunteer Program

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10.16.020 - Administration

The Director has authority over the volunteer program. The Director establishes policies and provides staffing and the equipment necessary to adequately carry out the duties listed in Section 10.16.060.
(Ord. 2016-0040 § 69, 2016: Ord. 10991 § 1 (part), 1974: Ord. 4729 Art. 12 § 1205, 1946.)

10.16.030 - Volunteers—Recruitment and Compensation

- A. The Director selects and assigns personnel for the volunteer program. Volunteers may be recruited from residents who care about animals and support the Department's mission.
- B. All positions within the volunteer program are unpaid, as provided in Title 6 of this code, under the heading of Volunteer Worker, W/O Comp.

(Ord. 2016-0040 § 70, 2016: Ord. 2000-0075 § 20, 2000: Ord. 85-0204 § 7, 1985: Ord. 10991 § 1 (part), 1974: Ord. 4729 Art. 12 § 1201, 1946.)

10.16.040 - Release of Volunteer

Volunteers serve at the pleasure of the Director and may be released from service at any time for any reason.
(Ord. 2016-0040 § 71, 2016: Ord. 2000-0075 § 21, 2000: Ord. 10991 § 1 (part), 1974: Ord. 4729 Art. 12 § 1202, 1946.)

10.16.050 - Expense Reimbursement

A volunteer will be reimbursed for his actual and necessary travel expenses if he is required and authorized to travel in the performance of his duties. Reimbursement may include transportation, meals, and lodging.
(Ord. 2016-0040 § 72, 2016: Ord. 10991 § 1 (part), 1974: Ord. 4724 Art. 12 § 1203, 1946.)

10.16.060 - Duties

- A. All volunteers participating in this volunteer program are required to take direction from the Director and designated Department employees.
- B. Volunteer duties include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - 1. Assist the Department in reuniting lost pets with their rightful owners; through the use of lost-and-found newspaper ads, stray animal lists of each center, telephone calls regarding lost-and-found animals and information sheets of other shelters and other possible means of locating lost pets;
 - 2. Assist the Department in escorting elementary school classes, civic groups, and 4-H Clubs through conducting tours of the animal control care centers;
 - 3. Assist in promoting low-cost spay and neuter clinics;
 - 4. Assist in promoting the adoption of animals; and
 - 5. Other duties assigned by designated employees.
- C. Volunteers are required to complete volunteer training and to be familiar and comply with County and Department policies.

(Ord. 2016-0040 § 73, 2016: Ord. 2000-0075 § 22, 2000: Ord. 83-0182 § 3, 1983: Ord. 10991 § 1 (part), 1974: Ord. 4724 Art. 12 § 1204, 1946.)

Chapter 10.20
Dogs, Cats, and Service Animals

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10.20.010 - License Tags—Issuance—Fee.

The Director will issue numbered dog and cat license tags marked with the "County of Los Angeles."

(Ord. 2016-0040 § 75, 2016: Ord. 2000-0075 § 23, 2000: Ord. 93-0002 § 2 (part), 1993:

Ord. 85-0204 § 8, 1985: Ord. 9943 § 3, 1970: Ord. 9454 § 1 (part), 1967: Ord. 7829 § 3, 1960: Ord. 4729 Art. 4 § 401, 1946.)

10.20.030 - License—Required—Fees and Other Charges.

An animal owner or custodian residing in the Department's jurisdiction must obtain an annual license for each dog and cat older than four months. The owner or custodian must pay the fee for the licenses, and any applicable delinquency charges and field enforcement fees.

(Ord. 2016-0040 § 78, 2016: Ord. 2009-0043 § 9, 2009: Ord. 93-0002 § 2 (part), 1993: Ord. 90-0137 § 11, 1990.)

10.20.035 - Senior Citizen and Disabled Veteran Reduced Dog and Cat License Rates.

A senior citizen or disabled veteran, as defined in this Division 1, will be charged a reduced dog or cat license fee if written proof is provided that the dog or cat has been sterilized or is exempt under Section 10.20.350, et seq.

(Ord. 2016-0040 § 79, 2016: Ord. 93-0002 § 2 (part), 1993: Ord. 90-0137 § 12, 1990: Ord. 87-0036 § 8, 1987.)

10.20.038 - Residential Dogs and Cats—Limitations.

A. Dogs. It is unlawful to keep more than four dogs at any residence without an animal facility license. Each dog must be licensed. For purposes of this section, a service dog licensed under Section 10.20.090 and serving a person who is disabled within the meaning of Government Code section 12926 subsection (i) or (j) is not counted toward the number of dogs kept or maintained.

B. Cats. It is unlawful to keep more than five cats at any residence without an animal facility license. Each cat must be licensed, and kept primarily indoors.

C. A Community Standards District may set a higher limit on the number of dogs and cats allowed at a residence without an animal facility license.
(Ord. 2016-0040 § 80, 2016: Ord. 2009-0043 § 10, 2009.)

10.20.040 - Animal Facility for Dogs and Cats—When Individual Dog or Cat Licenses Are Required.

An individual license must be obtained for each dog or cat when the dog or cat is kept as a pet at an animal facility and is not kept exclusively in a kennel run or cage. (Ord. 2016-0040 § 81, 2016: Ord. 2009-0043 § 11, 2009; Ord. 2000-0075 § 25, 2000: Ord. 93-0002 § 2 (part), 1993: Ord. 9454 § 1 (part), 1967: Ord. 4729 Art. 4 § 420, 1946.)

10.20.045 - Hobby Breeding—License Required—Fees.

A person who is a hobby breeder, as defined in Section 10.08.155, must pay the fee for a hobby breeding license under Section 10.90.010. Each license authorizes the birth of no more than one litter per household in any 12-month period. Breeding more than one litter per year will result in penalties.

(Ord. 2016-0040 § 82, 2016: Ord. 2009-0043 § 12, 2009; Ord. 2004-0036 § 7, 2004: Ord. 93-0002 § 2 (part), 1993: Ord. 90-0137 § 13, 1990: Ord. 88-0155 § 6, 1988: Ord. 87-0036 § 9, 1987: Ord. 85-0204 § 25, 1985.)

10.20.050 - Exceptions from Los Angeles County Licensing Requirement.

- A. Los Angeles County license is not required for:
 - 1. Any dog or cat that is currently licensed in another jurisdiction;
 - 2. A dog or cat owned by or in the charge of any person who is not a resident of the County, and is in the County for less than 30 days.
- B. But every guard or attack dog found within the unincorporated territory of the County, regardless of where the owner may reside, must have a Los Angeles County dog license; and the license tag must be securely affixed to the dog's collar while it is being used as a guard or attack dog within the unincorporated territory of the County of Los Angeles.

(Ord. 2016-0040 § 83, 2016: Ord. 93-0002 § 2 (part), 1993: Ord. 11135 § 1, 1975; Ord. 9454 § 1 (part), 1967: Ord. 8043 § 4 (part), 1961: Ord. 4729 Art. 4 § 407, 1946.)

10.20.060 - Unvaccinated Dogs or Cats—Acceptance of Payment for License.

The Director may accept payment for the license fee for a dog or cat that has not been vaccinated against rabies, if the owner or custodian has the dog or cat vaccinated within five days of payment and submits written proof of vaccination to the Director. The Director will not issue the license tag and license until proof of rabies vaccination is received.

(Ord. 2016-0040 § 84, 2016: Ord. 93-0002 § 2 (part), 1993: Ord. 9943 § 6, 1970: Ord. 9454 § 1 (part), 1967: Ord. 8043 § 5, 1961; Ord. 4729 Art. 4 § 408, 1946.)

10.20.070 - Vaccination Requirements and Time Limit for Vaccination When Dog or Cat Is Disabled.

A dog or cat must be vaccinated against rabies before a license is issued unless one of the following exemptions applies:

- A. Cat. A license may be issued for an unvaccinated cat if the owner or custodian submits to the Director a written confirmation from a licensed veterinarian stating that a rabies vaccination would endanger the animal's life because of disease or other disability. The cat must be vaccinated within ten days after the disability ends.
- B. Dog. A license may be issued for an unvaccinated dog if the owner or custodian obtains the exemption permitted under Health and Safety Code section 121690 from the local public health officer. The dog must be vaccinated within ten days after the disability ends.

(Ord. 2016-0040 § 85, 2016: Ord. 93-0002 § 2 (part), 1993: Ord. 9454 § 1 (part), 1967: Ord. 8043 § 8, 1961: Ord. 4729 Art. 4 § 413, 1946.)

10.20.080 - License and License Tag—Period of Validity—Dogs Discharged from Military Service.

A license for a dog that has been honorably discharged from the armed forces of the United States is valid for the dog's lifetime, so long as the owner or custodian of the dog keeps its vaccination against rabies current.

(Ord. 2016-0040 § 86, 2016: Ord. 93-0002 § 2 (part), 1993: Ord. 88-0155 § 2, 1988: Ord. 11177 § 1, 1975: Ord. 9454 § 1 (part), 1967: Ord. 4729 Art. 4 § 404, 1946.)

10.20.090 - Service Animal License and License Tag—Requirements—Period of Validity.

A person owning or having custody of a service animal must obtain a service animal license and tag. The Director will issue a license and tag after receiving proof that the animal has been successfully trained as a service animal. The license tag will be valid while the animal is acting as a service animal and is owned and

kept by the same person. The tag must be returned to the Department by the owner or custodian of the animal upon transfer of ownership or possession of the animal, or upon the retirement or death of the animal. (Ord. 2016-0040 § 87, 2016: Ord. 2004-0049 §§ 2, 3, 2004.)

10.20.120 - Fees Payable Annually—Delinquency Charge.

License fees must be paid annually. A delinquency charge will be applied when the license fees provided for in this chapter are not paid within 30 days after the license fee is due.

(Ord. 2016-0040 § 89, 2016: Ord. 2009-0043 § 13, 2009: Ord. 90-0137 § 15, 1990: Ord. 88-0155 § 7, 1988: Ord. 83-0182 § 5, 1983: Ord. 82-0163 § 3, 1982: Ord. 11945 § 2, 1979: Ord. 9943 § 4, 1970: Ord. 9454 § 1 (part), 1967: Ord. 4729 Art. 4 § 405, 1946.)

10.20.130 - Recordkeeping of Tags and Licenses.

The Director will keep a record of the name and address of the animal owner or custodian and the date each license and tag is issued.

(Ord. 2016-0040 § 91, 2016: Ord. 93-0002 § 2 (part), 1993: Ord. 9943 § 5, 1970: Ord. 9454 § 1 (part), 1967: Ord. 8043 § 4 (part), 1961: Ord. 4729 Art. 4 § 406, 1946.)

10.20.150 - License—Information.

The following information must appear on the license receipt: the age of the animal, the date of the last rabies vaccination, and if the license was issued without proof of vaccination, the reason for the exemption.

(Ord. 2016-0040 § 93, 2016: Ord. 93-0002 § 2 (part), 1993: Ord. 85-0204 § 11, 1985: Ord. 9943 § 9, 1970: Ord. 9454 § 1 (part), 1967: Ord. 4729 Art. 4 § 414, 1946.)

10.20.160 - License and License Tag—Transfer Permitted When—Fee.

A new owner of a dog or cat that is currently licensed may transfer the existing license to his name upon payment of a transfer fee, but a license for a service animal is not transferable.

(Ord. 2016-0040 § 94, 2016: Ord. 2000-0075 § 26, 2000: Ord. 93-0002 § 2 (part), 1993: Ord. 83-0182 § 7, 1983: Ord. 9943 § 11, 1970: Ord. 9454 § 1 (part), 1967: Ord. 4729 Art. 4 § 419, 1946.)

10.20.170 - Replacement of Lost or Destroyed Tags.

An animal owner may purchase a replacement license tag if the animal's tag is lost or destroyed.

(Ord. 2016-0040 § 95, 2016: Ord. 93-0002 § 2 (part), 1993: Ord. 83-0182 § 8, 1983: Ord. 9943 § 10, 1970: Ord. 9454 § 1 (part), 1967: Ord. 6189 § 1, 1953: Ord. 4729 Art. 4 § 416, 1946.)

10.20.180 - Tag to Be Worn by Animal.

A license tag for an individual animal must be securely attached to a collar, harness, or other device that must be worn at all times by the animal except while the animal is indoors or in an enclosed yard or pen. The license tag attached to an animal must be the tag issued by the Department for that animal. Alternatively, a cat may wear any form of identification approved by the Department.

(Ord. 2016-0040 § 96, 2016: Ord. 2000-0075 § 27, 2000: Ord. 93-0002 § 2 (part), 1993: Ord. 9454 § 1 (part), 1967: Ord. 4729 Art. 4 § 415, 1946.)

10.20.185 - Microchipping of Dogs and Cats Required.

A dog or cat four months or older must be implanted with an identifying microchip. The owner or custodian is required to provide the microchip number to the Department and to notify the Department and the applicable national microchip registry of a change of ownership of the dog or cat, or the owner's change of address or telephone number.

(Ord. 2015-0048 § 10, 2015: Ord. 2006-0029 § 4, 2006.)

10.20.190 - Keeping Unlicensed Dogs, Cats, or Service Animals Prohibited.

A person may not harbor or keep an unlicensed dog, cat, or service animal in the Department's jurisdiction.

(Ord. 2016-0040 § 97, 2016: Ord. 2000-0075 § 28, 2000: Ord. 93-0002 § 2 (part), 1993: Ord. 9454 § 1 (part), 1967: Ord. 4729 Art. 4 § 402, 1946.)

10.20.210 - Removing Tag and Identification Prohibited.

It is unlawful for an unauthorized person to remove the license tag or other identification from an animal.

(Ord. 2016-0040 § 99, 2016: Ord. 2000-0075 § 29, 2000: Ord. 93-0002 § 2 (part), 1993: Ord. 9454 § 1 (part), 1967: Ord. 4729 Art. 4 § 417, 1946.)

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10.20.220 - Vaccination Requirements.

A person keeping or harboring a dog or cat over four months of age in the Department's jurisdiction must have the dog or cat vaccinated against rabies by a licensed veterinarian on or before the latest of the following dates:

- A. 15 days after first acquiring the dog or cat;
- B. 15 days after bringing the dog or cat into the Department's jurisdiction.

(Ord. 2016-0040 § 105, 2016: Ord. 93-0002 § 3 (part), 1993: Ord. 88-0025 § 1, 1988:

Ord. 87-0036 § 10, 1987: Ord. 83-0182 § 9, 1983: Ord. 10298 § 3, 1971: Ord. 9454 § 1 (part), 1967: Ord. 4729 Art. 5 § 501, 1946.)

10.20.230 - Revaccination Time—Rabies Vaccine.

A person keeping or harboring a dog or cat in the Department's jurisdiction that has been vaccinated against rabies is required to have the dog or cat revaccinated within a period of not more than:

- A. 12 months after the dog's or cat's initial vaccination if the dog or cat was between three months and one year of age at the time of such vaccination; and
- B. 36 months after each subsequent vaccination.

(Ord. 2016-0040 § 106, 2016: Ord. 93-0002 § 3 (part), 1993: Ord. 87-0036 § 11, 1987: Ord. 85-0204 § 12, 1985: Ord. 10298 § 4, 1971: Ord. 9454 § 1 (part), 1967: Ord. 4729 Art. 5 § 502, 1946.)

10.20.250 - Certificate of Vaccination—Information to Be Shown.

A licensed veterinarian in the Department's jurisdiction who vaccinates a dog or cat against rabies must immediately issue a certificate of vaccination signed by the veterinarian to the owner or custodian of the dog or cat, and a duplicate certificate to the Director, stating:

- A. The name and address of the owner or custodian of the vaccinated dog or cat;
- B. The type of vaccine used, the name of the manufacturer, the manufacturer's serial or lot number, and the date of the vaccination; and
- C. The breed, age, color, and sex of the vaccinated dog or cat.

(Ord. 2016-0040 § 107, 2016: Ord. 93-0002 § 3 (part), 1993: Ord. 85-0204 § 13, 1985: Ord. 82-0163 § 4, 1982: Ord. 9454 § 1 (part), 1967: Ord. 4729 Art. 5 § 504, 1946.)

10.20.262 - County Assistance to Low-Cost Vaccination Clinics.

The Director may direct Department personnel to provide low-cost vaccination clinics or assist at low-cost vaccination clinics operated by veterinary associations in addition to clinics operated by the Department. The Director may charge for the services of County personnel at low-cost vaccination clinics operated by veterinary associations. The rate charged for each vaccination will be the amount established by the County Auditor-Controller.

(Ord. 2016-0040 § 108, 2016: Ord. 2000-0075 § 31, 2000: Ord. 93-0002 § 3 (part), 1993: Ord. 82-0239 § 1, 1982: Ord. 82-0163 § 5, 1982.)

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10.20.270 - Licensing of Businesses Using Dogs for Protection.

A business that uses a guard or attack dog, as defined in Section 10.08.150, is required to obtain an animal facility license.

(Ord. 2016-0040 § 109, 2016: Ord. 2009-0017 § 7, 2009: Ord. 11630 § 1 (part), 1978: Ord. 4729 Art. 13 § 1300, 1946.)

10.20.280 - Licensing of Dogs Used for Protection.

Every business or person using a guard or attack dog must license each dog with the Department; failure to license a guard or attack dog is a misdemeanor.

(Ord. 2016-0040 § 110, 2016: Ord. 2009-0017 § 8, 2009: Ord. 11630 § 1 (part), 1978: Ord. 4729 Art. 13 § 1301, 1946.)

10.20.290 - Inspection of Premises Required Annually—Fee.

Before the licensing of a dog and business subject to this Part 3, the Department must inspect the premises where the dog is working to ensure the adequate housing and care of the dog. The inspection fee must be paid annually.

(Ord. 2016-0040 § 111, 2016: Ord. 2009-0017 § 9, 2009: Ord. 93-0002 § 4, 1993: Ord. 92-0056 § 2, 1992: Ord. 87-0036 § 12, 1987: Ord. 11630 § 1 (part), 1978: Ord. 4729 Art. 13 § 1304, 1946.)

10.20.300 - Licensing—Information Required.

A. The license issued to a business or person subject to this Part 3 will include the following information:

1. The contact information, as defined in Section 10.08.095, for the premises where the dog is working and the name and contact information of the dog's owner, custodian, or handler;
2. The name of the dog;
3. The license identification number and the microchip number of the dog;

B. The owner, custodian, or handler must visit the dog where it is working at least twice in every 24-hour period to ensure the health of the dog, that the food and water supply are adequate, and compliance with all other requirements of Section 10.40.010. A visit may not be more than 12 hours after the last visit.

(Ord. 2016-0040 § 112, 2016: Ord. 2009-0017 § 10, 2009: Ord. 11630 § 1 (part), 1978: Ord. 4729 Art. 13 § 1302, 1946.)

10.20.310 - Sign Required on Premises—Contents.

Clear and legible signs must be posted at each of the entrances to the premises where dogs are licensed under this Part 3, stating that the dog and the location are licensed with the Los Angeles County Department of Animal Care and Control and the location and telephone number of the nearest County animal care center. Failure to post the required sign is a misdemeanor.

(Ord. 2016-0040 § 113, 2016: Ord. 2009-0017 § 11, 2009: Ord. 11630 § 1 (part), 1978: Ord. 4729 Art. 13 § 1303, 1946.)

10.20.320. - Guard and Attack Dogs—Fenced or Walled Premises Required.

A person owning or having charge, care, custody, or control of any guard or attack dog as defined in Section 10.08.150 is required to confine the dog in an enclosed structure or on property that is enclosed by a fence or wall that is at least five-feet high.

(Ord. 2016-0040 § 114, 2016.)

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10.20.350 - Mandatory Spaying or Neutering of Dogs and Cats.

- A. A person may not own, keep, or harbor a dog or cat four months or older in violation of this section. An owner or custodian of an unaltered dog or cat must have the dog or cat spayed or neutered or obtain an unaltered dog or cat license in accordance with Section 10.20.355 or Section 10.20.357.
- B. The owner or custodian of a dog or cat that cannot be spayed or neutered without a likelihood of serious bodily harm or death due to age or illness must obtain written confirmation from a licensed veterinarian. The confirmation must also state when the dog or cat may be safely spayed or neutered. If the dog or cat cannot be spayed or neutered within 30 days of the issuance of the written confirmation of a likelihood of serious bodily harm or death, the owner or custodian must apply for an unaltered dog or cat license.

(Ord. 2015-0048 § 12, 2015; Ord. 2006-0029 § 5 (part), 2006.)

10.20.355 - Unaltered Dog License—Requirements.

An owner or custodian of an unaltered dog four months or older must obtain an annual unaltered dog license. The license will be issued if the Director has determined that all of the following conditions are met:

- A. The dog is one of the following: a competition dog as defined in Section 10.08.085(A); a dog used by a law enforcement agency for law enforcement purposes; a qualified service or assistance dog as defined in Section 10.20.090; or a dog which is unable to be spayed or neutered for the reasons stated in Section 10.20.350(B);
- B. The owner or custodian has submitted the required application and has paid the fee in Section 10.90.010; and
- C. The unaltered dog will be maintained as required by the Los Angeles County Code and applicable state animal care and control laws.

(Ord. 2015-0048 § 13, 2015; Ord. 2006-0029 § 5 (part), 2006.)

10.20.357 - Unaltered Cat License—Requirements.

An owner or custodian of an unaltered cat four months or older must obtain an annual unaltered cat license. The license will be issued if the Director has determined that all of the following conditions are met:

- A. The cat is one of the following: a competition cat as defined in Section 10.08.085(B) or a cat which is unable to be spayed or neutered for the reasons stated in Section 10.20.350(B);
- B. The owner or custodian has submitted the required application and has paid the fee required by Section 10.90.010;
- C. The unaltered cat will be maintained as required by the Los Angeles County Code and applicable state animal care and control laws; and
- D. The unaltered cat will be kept indoors or in an outdoor enclosure that prevents other cats from entering.

(Ord. 2015-0048 § 14, 2015.)

10.20.360 – Denial or Revocation of Unaltered Dog or Cat License—Grounds and Re-application.

- A. The Director may deny or revoke an unaltered dog or cat license for any of the following reasons:
 1. The applicant or licensee has not complied with the requirements of Section 10.20.355 or Section 10.20.357;
 2. The Department has received at least one complaint, signed under penalty of perjury, stating that the applicant, custodian, or licensee of an unaltered dog or cat has allowed it to run loose or escape, or has neglected it or another animal;
 3. The applicant or licensee has been cited for violating a state law, county code, or municipal code

- relating to the care and control of animals;
- 4. A court or an agency of appropriate jurisdiction has determined that the dog or cat is a nuisance, or that the dog is a potentially dangerous dog or a vicious dog, under a state law, county code, or municipal code;
- 5. Another unaltered dog or cat license held by the applicant has been revoked;
- 6. An unaltered female dog or cat has had more than one litter per year, or five or more litters in her lifetime; or
- 7. The license application contains a material misrepresentation of fact.

B. Re-application for unaltered dog or cat license:

- 1. When an unaltered dog or cat license is denied, the applicant may re-apply for a license if the requirements of Section 10.20.355 or Section 10.20.357 have been met. The Director will refund one-half of the license fee when an application is denied. The applicant must pay the full fee upon re-application.
- 2. When an unaltered dog or cat license is revoked, the owner or custodian of the dog or cat may apply for a new license after 30 days if the requirements of Section 10.20.355 or Section 10.20.357 have been met. No part of an unaltered dog or cat license fee is refundable when a license is revoked. The applicant must pay the full fee upon re-application.

(Ord. 2015-0048 § 15, 2015: Ord. 2006-0029 § 5 (part), 2006.)

10.20.365 - Appeal of Denial or Revocation of Unaltered Dog or Cat License.

- A. Notice and request for hearing. The Director will mail a written notice to the owner or custodian of the Director's intent to deny or revoke the unaltered dog or cat license stating the reason(s) for the denial or revocation. The owner or custodian may request a hearing to appeal the denial or revocation. The request to appeal must be made in writing within ten days after the notice of intent to deny or revoke is mailed. An owner or custodian waives the right to appeal if he or she does not mail or deliver a written request to appeal to the Director within ten days after the notice of intent is mailed.
- B. Notice and conduct of hearing. The Director will mail a written notice of the date, time, and place for the hearing to the owner or custodian at least ten days before the hearing date. The hearing will be conducted by the Director's designee. The hearing will take place within 30 days after the Department receives the request for a hearing. An owner or custodian who does not appear at the hearing waives the right to a hearing. The hearing will be informal and the rules of evidence will not be strictly observed. The Director will mail a written decision to the owner or custodian within ten days after the hearing. The decision of the hearing officer is the final administrative decision.

(Ord. 2015-0048 § 16, 2015: Ord. 2006-0029 § 5 (part), 2006.)

10.20.370 - Transfer, Sale, and Breeding of Unaltered Dog or Cat.

- A. Offer to transfer, sell, or breed unaltered dog or cat. An owner or custodian who offers an unaltered dog or cat for transfer, sale, or breeding must include a valid unaltered dog or cat license number with the offer or otherwise confirm compliance with Section 10.20.350.
- B. Transfer of unaltered dog or cat. The owner or custodian of an unaltered dog or cat four months or older, which is not a competition dog or cat as defined in Section 10.08.085, must demonstrate to the Department compliance with Section 10.20.350 and 10.20.185 prior to the transfer, and must notify the Department of the name and address of the transferee within ten days after the transfer. The license and microchip numbers must appear on a document transferring the dog or cat to the new owner.
- C. Notification of litter and sale or transfer of puppies and kittens. Within 30 days after a litter is born to a female dog or cat, the owner or custodian of the female dog or cat must advise the Department in writing of the number of live born puppies or kittens. When a puppy or kitten younger than four months is sold or otherwise transferred to another person, the owner or custodian must advise the Department of the name and address of the new owner or custodian, and the microchip number of the puppy or kitten, if applicable, within ten days after the transfer.

(Ord. 2015-0048 § 17, 2015: Ord. 2006-0029 § 5 (part), 2006.)

10.20.375 - Penalties.

The penalties for violations of any provision of this Part 4 are as follows:

- A. First violation. A first violation is an infraction punishable by a fine of up to \$250. If the owner or custodian fails to correct the cause of the violation within 30 days after being notified of the violation, it

is deemed a second violation.

- B. Second violation. A violation within a year of a first violation is a second violation. A second violation is a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment in the county jail for a period of up to six months or by a fine of up to \$1,000, or by both a fine and imprisonment. Each subsequent violation within one year is an additional misdemeanor.

(Ord. 2015-0048 § 18, 2015; Ord. 2006-0029 § 5 (part), 2006.)

10.20.380 - Impoundment of Unaltered Dog or Cat.

- A. The owner or custodian of an impounded unaltered dog or cat may reclaim the unaltered dog or cat if:

1. The dog or cat is spayed or neutered by a Department veterinarian at the owner or custodian's expense; or
2. The dog or cat is spayed or neutered by another Director-approved veterinarian at the owner or custodian's expense. The owner or custodian must pay the Department's transportation costs to deliver the dog to the chosen veterinarian. The veterinarian must sign and return a certificate of sterility to the Department within ten days after the surgery; or
3. At the discretion of the Director, the owner or custodian agrees to have the dog or cat altered and to submit a certificate of sterility signed by a veterinarian within ten days after the surgery; or
4. The owner or custodian otherwise demonstrates compliance with Section 10.20.350.

- B. Costs of Impoundment.

1. The owner or custodian of an unaltered dog or cat will be charged for the costs of impoundment, including daily board and care costs.
2. The costs of impoundment are a lien on the dog or cat. The dog or cat will not be returned to its owner or custodian until the costs are paid. The dog or cat will be deemed abandoned if the owner or custodian does not pay the lien amount within 14 days after the notice of the lien is personally delivered or mailed to the owner or custodian.

(Ord. 2015-0048 § 19, 2015; Ord. 2006-0029 § 5 (part), 2006.)

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10.28.010 - Application of Chapter 10.28 Provisions.

This chapter 28 applies to licenses required for animal facilities and wild animals. (Ord. 2016-0040 § 115, 2016: Ord. 2011-0011 § 3, 2011: Ord. 9454 § 1 (part), 1967: Ord. 4729 Art. 6 § 601, 1946.)

10.28.020 - Initial License—Application Required.

A person who seeks to operate an animal facility or to keep a wild animal under Section 10.28.060 must file an application with the Department and pay the required fee. A person who possessed or owned a wild animal or who operated an animal facility without the required license must pay the penalty owed under Section 10.90.010, in addition to the license fee. When a person applies for licenses for different purposes for animals at the same premises at the same time, the cost of the licenses will be reduced in accordance with the provisions of Section 10.90.010.

(Ord. 2016-0040 § 116, 2016: Ord. 2009-0017 § 13, 2009: Ord. 2004-0036 § 8, 2004: Ord. 9454 § 1 (part), 1967: Ord. 4729 Art. 6 § 602, 1946.)

10.28.040 - License Fee Not Refundable.

Fees for animal facility licenses and wild animal licenses are not refundable.

(Ord. 2016-0040 § 118, 2016: Ord. 2004-0036 § 9, 2004: Ord. 93-0002 § 6, 1993: Ord. 85-0204 § 14, 1985: Ord. 9454 § 1 (part), 1967: Ord. 4729 Art. 6 § 621, 1946.)

10.28.050 - License Requirements—Prerequisites to Issuance and Renewal.

The Director will inspect the premises and conduct an investigation, at his discretion, related to the filing of any license or renewal application. A license will be issued or renewed if the following requirements are met:

- A. The maintenance of the animal or animals at the specified location will not violate any federal law, state law, or ordinance of the County of Los Angeles, or constitute a menace to the health, peace, or safety of the community; and
- B. The applicant has received approval from the Director of the Department of Regional Planning that the maintenance of the animal or animals at the specified location will not violate a zoning ordinance or other land-use plan; and
- C. The applicant has not had an animal facility or wild animal license denied or revoked within the County of Los Angeles within the 12-month period before the date of the application. However, the Director

may issue a license within that 12- month period if the applicant can show that the grounds of the denial or revocation no longer exist.

(Ord. 2016-0040 § 119, 2016: Ord. 2011-0011 § 4, 2011: Ord. 2004-0036 § 10, 2004: Ord. 9454 § 1 (part), 1967: Ord. 4729 Art. 6 § 623, 1946.)

10.28.060- License—Required for Certain Activities and Animals—Certain Animals Exempt.

A person, including a new owner of an existing organization or business, cannot conduct or operate an animal facility or keep a wild animal within the Department's jurisdiction without first obtaining a license from the Department and any other applicable agency. Failure to obtain a license for an animal facility or a wild animal is a misdemeanor. A license is not required for the keeping of the following animals as pets:

1. Birds;
2. Domestic rodents (pet mice, rats, guinea pigs, hamsters, and chinchillas);
3. Fish;
4. Non-venomous reptiles less than six feet in length;
5. Rabbits.

(Ord. 2016-0040 § 120, 2016: Ord. 2011-0011 § 5, 2011: Ord. 2009-0017 § 14, 2009: Ord. 2004-0036 § 12, 2004.)

10.28.061- Keeping and Breeding Pygmy Pigs—License Required.

An application for an animal license or an animal facility license filed by the owner or custodian of one or more pygmy pigs will be issued if the following requirements are met:

- A. The owner or custodian of a pygmy pig kept in a residential area, as permitted in Los Angeles County Code Section 22.20.030 as a pet or for personal use, has provided written confirmation to the Department from a licensed veterinarian that the pig has been neutered or spayed; and
- B. The owner or custodian of the animal provides written confirmation to the Department that he or she has obtained all licenses and zoning permit required under this County Code or any other ordinance or statute.

(Ord. 2016-0040 § 121, 2016: Ord. 2004-0036 § 13, 2004: Ord. 92-0110 § 2, 1992.)

10.28.062- Pygmy Pigs—Breeding Prohibited in Residential Zone.

Breeding of a pygmy pig is prohibited in a residential zone.

(Ord. 2016-0040 § 122, 2016: Ord. 92-0110 § 3, 1992.)

10.28.090 - License—Term.

The term of a license covered by this chapter is 12 months following the date of issue, unless sooner revoked or terminated by the Director, or by any of the following actions: the licensee changes the location of the animal facility or the animal for which the license was issued, or the licensee sells, assigns, transfers, or otherwise disposes of the animal facility or animal or his or her interest in the animal facility or animal.

(Ord. 2016-0040 § 123, 2016: Ord. 2011-0011 § 6, 2011: Ord. 2004-0036 § 14, 2004: Ord. 10638 § 1 (part), 1973: Ord. 9454 § 1 (part), 1967: Ord. 4729 Art. 6 § 607, 1946.)

10.28.100 - Display of License.

The holder of an animal facility license must post the current license in a conspicuous part of the premises. The holder of a wild animal license must attach the current license to the cage or enclosure where the animal is kept. A pygmy pig license must be attached to a harness or other device and worn by the animal at all times.

(Ord. 2016-0040 § 124, 2016: Ord. 92-0110 § 4, 1992: Ord. 9454 § 1 (part), 1967: Ord. 4729 Art. 6 § 627, 1946.)

10.28.120 - License—Issued Subject to Conditions.

If a ground exists to deny a license, the Director, in his discretion, may issue the license subject to conditions instead of denying the license.

(Ord. 2016-0040 § 125, 2016: Ord. 9454 § 1 (part), 1967: Ord. 4729 Art. 6 § 604, 1946.)

10.28.130 - Denial or Conditional Grant—Notice to Applicant of Right to Hearing.

The Director must mail a written notice to a licensee stating his intention to deny a license or grant it subject to new or additional conditions, which will be specified in the notice. The notice must also state that if the applicant wishes to appeal the Director's decision, he must submit a written request for a hearing before the Business License Commission within 14 days after the date the notice was mailed.

(Ord. 2016-0040 § 126, 2016: Ord. 10638 § 1 (part), 1973: Ord. 9454 § 1 (part), 1967: Ord. 4729 Art. 6 § 605, 1946.)

10.28.140 - Denial or Conditional Grant—Hearing Procedure.

When an applicant requests a hearing, the Director will prepare and file an accusation as described in Section 7.10.210 of this code, relating to business licenses. The parties will be notified and a hearing will be held by the Business License Commission under Sections 7.04.280 and 7.10.200 through 7.10.390 of this code. All parties will be given an opportunity to provide documentary evidence and witness testimony at the hearing. The Business License Commission will determine whether the license should be issued, issued subject to conditions, or denied.

(Ord. 2016-0040 § 127, 2016: Ord. 10638 § 1 (part), 1973: Ord. 9454 § 1 (part), 1967: Ord. 4729 Art. 6 § 606, 1946.)

10.28.160 - Animal Facility License—Renewal.

An animal facility licensee is required to apply for a renewal license and to pay the fee under Section 10.90.010 before the license expires. A licensee who has not applied for a renewal within 30 days after the license has expired must obtain a new license and pay the applicable fees and penalties.

(Ord. 2016-0040 § 129, 2016: Ord. 2009-0017 § 15, 2009: Ord. 2004-0036 § 17, 2004: Ord. 87-0036 § 15, 1987: Ord. 85-0204 § 16, 1985: Ord. 9454 § 1 (part), 1967: Ord. 6937 § 4, 1956: Ord. 4729 Art. 6 § 608, 1946.)

10.28.170 - License Suspension or Revocation Procedure.

Every license is granted and accepted by the parties with the express understanding that the Director may suspend or revoke the license if warranted, in accordance with the procedure described in Section 10.28.140. If the Business License Commission finds that any ground for revocation exists, it may revoke or suspend the license. The Director may suspend the license for up to 60 days before the hearing is held and the decision is made by the Business License Commission.

(Ord. 2016-0040 § 130, 2016: Ord. 10638 § 1 (part), 1973: Ord. 10087 § 1, 1970: Ord. 9454 § 1 (part), 1967: Ord. 8613 § 1 (part), 1964: Ord. 8043 § 10 (part), 1961: Ord. 7829 § 4 (part), 1960: Ord. 7351 § 3 (part), 1958: Ord. 6937 § 6, 1956: Ord. 4729 Art. 6 § 610, 1946.)

10.28.175 - Re-inspection.

If an initial license or renewal fee has been paid within the preceding 12 months, and a re-inspection is necessary to determine compliance with all licensing requirements, or requested for any reason, a re-inspection fee will be charged.

(Ord. 2016-0040 § 131, 2016: Ord. 2009-0017 § 16, 2009: Ord. 2004-0036 § 18, 2004.)

10.28.180 - Suspension and Revocation—Grounds.

A license may be suspended or revoked on any one or more of the following grounds:

- A. Denial of the license would be authorized under existing facts;
- B. The licensee, or any agent or employee of the licensee, has violated a municipal ordinance or a state or federal law or regulation relating to the operation of an animal related business.
- C. The licensee obtained the license by misrepresentation(s).

(Ord. 2016-0040 § 132, 2016: Ord. 9454 § 1 (part), 1967: Ord. 4729 Art. 6 § 613, 1946.)

10.28.210 - When Additional Conditions May be Imposed.

- A. The Director may impose or amend license conditions if grounds exist for the revocation of the license. The Director will give written notice to the licensee of his intention to impose or amend conditions. Within 14 days after the notice is mailed, the licensee may submit a written request for hearing before the Business License Commission.
- B. The Business License Commission may impose or amend conditions based on evidence presented at the hearing.

(Ord. 2016-0040 § 135, 2016: Ord. 10638 § 1 (part), 1973: Ord. 9454 § 1 (part), 1967: Ord. 4729 Art. 6 § 611, 1946.)

10.28.220 - Change of Conditions at Licensee's Request.

The Director may grant or deny all or part of a licensee's application to change license conditions as warranted by the facts.

(Ord. 2016-0040 § 136, 2016: Ord. 9454 § 1 (part), 1967: Ord. 4729 Art. 6 § 612, 1946.)

10.28.240 - License—Information to be shown.

The license must state the name and residence address of the licensee, the address where the animals will be kept, the amount paid for the license, the date the license was issued, and the expiration date.

(Ord. 2016-0040 § 138, 2016: Ord. 9454 § 1 (part), 1967: Ord. 4729 Art. 6 § 618, 1946.)

10.28.250 - Animal Facility License—Report From Zoning Authority.

If the Director has not received a complaint regarding the issuance or renewal of an animal facility license, he may issue or renew the license for the location stated on the license, without a report from the Director of the Department of Regional Planning or other applicable zoning authority. If a complaint has been received, approval from the Director of the Department of Regional Planning is required to confirm that keeping the animal(s) at the location will not violate any provision of the applicable zoning ordinance or official plan for land use.

(Ord. 2016-0040 § 139, 2016: Ord. 9454 § 1 (part), 1967: Ord. 4729 Art. 6 § 619, 1946.)

10.28.270 - Animal Facility Grading—Bases for Grading.

- A. The purpose of the Animal Facility Grade Card is to provide notice to the public of the grade earned by an animal facility at the time of the most recent inspection of the facility. The grading standards are stated in the Animal Facility Inspection Report, which is available upon request from any County animal care center.
- B. The letter grade reflected in the Animal Facility Inspection Report is based on the facility's level of compliance with applicable state statutes, local ordinances, and policies relating to the care of animals. The grade is based on the animal facility's final score:
 1. Grade of A: 90 percent and above;
 2. Grade of B: 80 percent to 89 percent;
 3. Grade of C: 70 percent to 79 percent. A score of 70 percent is the minimum grade required to maintain a license in good standing. A score of less than 70 percent will result in recommendations by the Department regarding licensing or legal action to be taken as set forth in Section 10.28.290.

(Ord. 2016-0040 § 141, 2016: Ord. 2004-0036 § 19, 2004.)

10.28.280 - Display of Grading Card—Violation.

- A. The facility is required to post the Animal Facility Grade Card at the animal facility as follows:
 1. Posted in the front window of the facility within five feet of the front door or;
 2. Posted in a display case mounted on the outside front wall of the facility within five feet of the front door; or
 3. Posted in a location as directed and determined in the discretion of the Director to ensure proper notice to the general public and to patrons.
- B. If an animal facility is operated in the same building or space or shares a common customer entrance as a separately licensed or permitted business, the facility must post the Animal Facility Grade Card(s) in the initial customer contact area, or in a location determined by the Director.
- C. The Animal Facility Grade Card must not be defaced, marred, camouflaged, hidden, or removed. Except as provided in subsection D of this section, it is unlawful to operate an animal facility unless the Animal Facility Grade Card is displayed as required by this Section. A violation of this subsection C is a misdemeanor punishable under Penal Code Section 19.
- D. The Director may waive posting of the Animal Facility Grade Card when the animal facility consists of animals maintained solely as personal pets that are not used to breed, show, sell, adopt, or transfer ownership or custody of the animals by any other method.

(Ord. 2016-0040 § 142, 2016: Ord. 2004-0036 § 20, 2004.)

10.28.290- Consequences of Failure to Achieve Minimum Grade.

The Department will take one or more of the following actions if an animal facility does not earn a score of at least 70 percent:

1. Deny, revoke, impose conditions on, or not renew the animal facility license.
2. Refer the matter to local prosecuting authorities for criminal prosecution under local ordinances or state statutes.

(Ord. 2016-0040 § 143, 2016: Ord. 2004-0036 § 21, 2004.)

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10.32.010 - Dogs—Running at Large Prohibited—Exceptions.

A dog must be restrained on a substantial leash not exceeding six feet in length by a person capable of controlling the dog, while on public property or common areas of private property. An owner or custodian of a dog may allow the dog to be unrestrained on private property with the owner's or lessor's consent.

(Ord. 2016-0040 § 144, 2016: Ord. 9454 § 1 (part), 1967: Ord. 8043 § 12 (part), 1961: Ord. 4729 Art. 7 § 701, 1946.)

10.32.040 - Livestock and Wild Animal at Large—Misdemeanor.

It is unlawful for an owner or custodian of a wild animal or livestock to allow:

- A. Such an animal to run at large on public property; or
- B. Such an animal to enter or remain in or upon any private property owned by a person, other than the owner or custodian of the animal, without the written consent of the property owner or lessee.
- C. A violation of this section is a misdemeanor.

(Ord. 2016-0040 § 147, 2016: Ord. 92-0110 § 5, 1992: Ord. 9454 § 1 (part), 1967: Ord. 8043 § 12 (part), 1961: Ord. 4729 Art. 7 § 703, 1946.)

10.32.050 - Livestock—Owner Liability for Service Charges.

The owner or custodian of livestock must pay the County for the personnel costs and other expenses incurred by the Department's to restrain, capture, or rescue livestock.

(Ord. 2016-0040 § 148, 2016: Ord. 85-0204 § 17, 1985: Ord. 11771 § 6, 1978: Ord. 4729 Art. 7 § 708, 1946.)

10.32.080 - Wild Animal(s).

A person who owns a wild animal or operates a wild animal facility must properly confine the animal(s) on the premises and must not allow the animal(s) to be at large. A wild animal is not allowed to be taken to any place where it would endanger any person. A violation of this section is a misdemeanor.

(Ord. 2016-0040 § 151, 2016: Ord. 9454 § 1 (part), 1967: Ord. 8613 § 1 (part), 1964: Ord. 8043 § 12 (part), 1961: Ord. 4729 Art. 7 § 706, 1946.)

10.32.090 - Animals Allowed to Be at Large—Permit Required—Conditions.

The Director may issue a license to allow a domestic or wild animal to run at large for a legitimate purpose so long as the animal is properly supervised and guarded so that it cannot leave the premises where it is used, and to ensure the public safety.

(Ord. 2016-0040 § 152, 2016: Ord. 9454 § 1 (part), 1967: Ord. 4729 Art. 7 § 707, 1946.)

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10.36.010 - Taking Up Animals—Permitted.

A person finding a stray domestic animal or livestock may take up the animal. Within four hours, the person must make reasonable efforts to locate the owner, call an animal care center to report the finding of the animal and to ask that it be picked up, or take the animal to an animal care center. The animal must be surrendered to the Director upon demand.

(Ord. 2016-0040 § 153, 2016: Ord. 9454 § 1 (part), 1967: Ord. 8043 § 16 (part), 1961: Ord. 4729 Art. 8 § 801, 1946.)

10.36.090 - Impounded Animals—Notice to Owner.

When an animal who has traceable identification is impounded, the Director must notify the owner of the whereabouts of the animal within 48 hours after receiving the animal. The notification may be made by telephone, letter, or other available means. The owner or custodian of the animal will not be liable for any board or care charges if the Director does not give the timely notice required by this section, provided the animal is reclaimed within 24 hours after receiving notice.

(Ord. 2016-0040 § 159, 2016: Ord. 2000-0075 § 35, 2000: Ord. 9454 § 1 (part), 1967: Ord. 4729 Art. 8 § 814, 1946.)

10.36.120 - Impounded Animals with Traceable Identification—Adoption or Other Disposition.

The Department will hold an animal with traceable identification, before adopting it out or otherwise disposing of it, for six business days after it mails or otherwise notifies the owner or custodian of where the animal is. An animal that is irremediably suffering or is ordered to be destroyed by the public health officer will not be held for six business days.

(Ord. 2016-0040 § 162, 2016: Ord. 2000-0075 § 37, 2000: Ord. 9454 § 1 (part), 1967: Ord. 4729 Art. 8 § 816, 1946.)

10.36.130 - Redemption of Impounded Animals—Conditions Generally.

The owner or custodian of an impounded animal may redeem it by paying the fees and charges against it before the adoption or other disposition of the animal.

(Ord. 2016-0040 § 163, 2016: Ord. 9454 § 1 (part), 1967: Ord. 4729 Art. 8 § 824, 1946.)

10.36.160 - Impound Fees—Described.

The impound fee includes the cost of feeding and caring for an animal on the day it was impounded. The owner or custodian will be charged daily board and care costs for each day after the day of impound.

(Ord. 2016-0040 § 164, 2016: Ord. 9454 § 1 (part), 1967: Ord. 4729 Art. 8 § 819, 1946.)

10.36.190 - Impounding Fees and Care Costs—Veterinary Care.

- A. The Director may employ a private veterinarian, as necessary, to properly care for and maintain an animal.
- B. When a veterinarian's fee has been incurred for the care or treatment of an animal, the animal will

not be released to the owner or custodian until all fees and care costs have been paid.
(Ord. 2016-0040 § 167, 2016: Ord. 2009-0017 § 17, 2009: Ord. 2000-0075 § 39, 2000: Ord. 90-0137 § 19, 1990: Ord. 88-0155 § 8, 1988: Ord. 83-0182 § 16, 1983: Ord. 82- 0163 § 6, 1982: Ord. 11234 § 1, 1975: Ord. 9454 § 1 (part), 1967: Ord. 4729 Art. 8 § 825, 1946.)

10.36.200 - Impoundment Fees—Not Charged When Animal Taken Up Unlawfully.

An animal unlawfully taken up and impounded will be returned to its owner or custodian without charge or delay.
(Ord. 2016-0040 § 168, 2016: Ord. 9454 § 1 (part), 1967: Ord. 4729 Art. 8 § 823, 1946.)

10.36.210 - Dog or Cat—Release Conditions.

A dog or cat may be released to its owner or custodian if it is not under observation for rabies if:

- A. The dog or cat has been microchipped and vaccinated against rabies; or
- B. The owner or custodian has complied with Section 10.20.070; or
- C. The owner signs an order to comply, agreeing to have the dog or cat vaccinated against rabies within ten calendar days.

(Ord. 2016-0040 § 169, 2016: Ord. 2006-0040 § 37, 2006: Ord. 2000-0075 § 40, 2000: Ord. 87-0036 § 16, 1987: Ord. 85-0204 § 19, 1985: Ord. 83-0182 § 17, 1983: Ord. 10298 § 8, 1971: Ord. 9454 § 1 (part), 1967: Ord. 4729 Art. 8 § 826, 1946.)

10.36.220 - Abandonment of Impounded Animals.

An animal is abandoned to the Department if the owner or custodian has not paid the fees and charges against the animal and has not taken possession of it within six business days after the Department's mailing or notifying the owner or custodian of the animal's availability.

(Ord. 2016-0040 § 170, 2016: Ord. 2000-0075 § 41, 2000.)

10.36.230 - Release of Animals—Proof of Proper Care Required.

The Director will not release a lawfully impounded animal to its owner or custodian, or adopt out an animal unless the person to whom the animal is released agrees to comply with all applicable laws and demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Department that the animal will receive the necessary care.

(Ord. 2016-0040 § 171, 2016: Ord. 9454 § 1 (part), 1967: Ord. 4729 Art. 8 § 832, 1946.)

10.36.245 - Animal Not Suitable for Adoption.

The Director may find that an animal is not suitable for adoption if it demonstrates aggressive behavior, has a prior history of aggressive behavior, or is irremediably suffering from a serious illness or severe injury.

(Ord. 2016-0040 § 173, 2016: Ord. 2000-0075 § 43, 2000.)

10.36.250 - Adoption of Animals—Exchange or Refund.

A person who adopts a dog or cat may exchange the dog or cat, or apply for a refund, within 14 days after adoption. If the adoption fee for the value of the substituted dog or cat is greater than the amount paid for the original dog or cat, the adopter must pay the difference.

(Ord. 2016-0040 § 174, 2016: Ord. 90-0089 § 7, 1990: Ord. 9454 § 1 (part), 1967: Ord. 4729 Art. 8 § 813, 1946.)

10.36.260 - Vaccination Authorized.

The Director is authorized to provide medical care for impounded animals, including all necessary vaccinations.

(Ord. 2016-0040 § 175, 2016: Ord. 2000-0075 § 44, 2000: Ord. 85-0204 § 21, 1985: Ord. 83-0182 § 19, 1983: Ord. 10298 § 6, 1971: Ord. 9454 § 1 (part), 1967: Ord. 4729 Art. 8 § 807, 1946.)

10.36.270 - Examination for Rabies Authorized.

If the Director suspects that an impounded animal has rabies, he must notify the public health officer and hold the animal for examination. After examining the animal, the public health officer may advise the Director to hold the animal for further observation.

(Ord. 2016-0040 § 176, 2016: Ord. 2006-0040 § 38, 2006: Ord. 2000-0075 § 45, 2000: Ord. 9454 § 1 (part), 1967: Ord. 4729 Art. 8 § 827, 1946.)

10.36.280 - Release When No Rabies Found.

If the public health officer finds that the animal examined under Section 10.36.270 does not have rabies, the Director may release or lawfully dispose of it.

(Ord. 2016-0040 § 177, 2016: Ord. 2006-0040 § 39, 2006: Ord. 2000-0075 § 46, 2000: Ord. 9454 § 1 (part), 1967: Ord. 4729 Art. 8 § 829, 1946.)

10.36.290 - Confinement When Rabies Found.

If the public health officer finds that the animal examined under Section 10.36.270 has rabies, the Director must confine it as instructed by the public health officer.

(Ord. 2016-0040 § 178, 2016: Ord. 2006-0040 § 40, 2006: Ord. 2000-0075 § 47, 2000: Ord. 9454 § 1 (part), 1967: Ord. 4729 Art. 8 § 828, 1946.)

10.36.350 - Spaying or Neutering—Condition of Sale—Deposit of Moneys.

A person who adopts a dog or cat must pay the spay or neuter deposit required under state law. The Department will deposit the money received in a trust fund in the County treasury. After the adopted dog or cat has been spayed or neutered, the Director will refund the deposit to the adopter upon request. The deposit is forfeited if it is not claimed within 60 days.

(Ord. 2016-0040 § 182, 2016: Ord. 85-0205 § 5, 1985.)

Chapter 10.37
Potentially Dangerous and Vicious Dogs

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10.37.010 - Purpose of this Chapter.

Within the County of Los Angeles there are potentially dangerous and vicious dogs that have become a serious and widespread threat to the safety and welfare of the citizens of the County, which should be abated. The provisions of this chapter set forth the procedures by which the Department can find a dog to be a potentially dangerous dog or a vicious dog and the consequences of such a finding. This chapter is intended to supplement rather than supplant any other remedy available under state statute or County ordinance.
(Ord. 2016-0040 § 186, 2016: Ord. 2001-0042 § 2 (part), 2001.)

10.37.020 - Potentially Dangerous Dog—Definition.

Potentially dangerous dog means any of the following:

- A. A dog that on two separate occasions within the prior 36-month period, engages in any unprovoked behavior that requires a defensive action by a person to prevent bodily injury to a person, domestic animal, or livestock, off the property of the owner or custodian of the dog;
- B. A dog that, when unprovoked, bites a person or otherwise engages in aggressive behavior, causing a less severe injury than as defined in Section 10.37.040;
- C. A dog that, when unprovoked, has killed, seriously bitten, inflicted injury, or otherwise caused injury to a domestic animal or livestock off the property of the owner or custodian of the dog.

(Ord. 2016-0040 § 187, 2016: Ord. 2013-0033 § 3, 2013: Ord. 2001-0042 § 2 (part), 2001.)

10.37.030 - Vicious Dog—Definition.

"Vicious dog" means any of the following:

- A. A dog that engages in or has been bred or trained to engage in exhibitions of fighting;
- B. A dog that, when unprovoked, in an aggressive manner, inflicts severe injury on or kills a person;
- C. A dog previously designated as and currently listed as a potentially dangerous dog in Los Angeles County, or to be a dangerous or vicious dog in another jurisdiction, which, after its owner or custodian has been notified of that designation, continues the behavior described in Section 10.37.020 or is maintained in violation of Section 10.37.130, a stipulation, an administrative decision, a court order, or restrictions placed upon it by another jurisdiction.

(Ord. 2016-0040 § 188, 2016: Ord. 2013-0033 § 4, 2013: Ord. 2011-0038 § 1, 2011: Ord. 2001-0042 § 2 (part), 2001.)

10.37.040 - Severe Injury—Definition.

"Severe injury" means any physical harm to a human being that results in a serious illness or injury, including but not limited to a major fracture, muscle tears, or disfiguring lacerations requiring multiple sutures or corrective or cosmetic surgery.

(Ord. 2016-0040 § 189, 2016: Ord. 2011-0038 § 2, 2011: Ord. 2001-0042 § 2 (part), 2001.)

10.37.050 - Enclosure—Definition.

"Enclosure" means a fence or structure that will prevent the entry of young children and that will confine a potentially dangerous or a vicious dog, in conjunction with other measures that may be required to be taken by the owner or custodian of the dog. The enclosure must be designed to prevent the animal from escaping.
(Ord. 2016-0040 § 190, 2016: Ord. 2001-0042 § 2 (part), 2001.)

10.37.080 - Exemptions.

This chapter does not apply to humane society shelters, public animal care centers or shelters, veterinarians, or to dogs while used by a police department or law enforcement officer in the performance of police work.
(Ord. 2016-0040 § 193, 2016: Ord. 2001-0042 § 2 (part), 2001.)

10.37.090 - Right of Entry and Inspection.

An authorized employee or agent of the Department or a law enforcement officer may enter and inspect private property in the manner as set forth in Section 10.12.210. Upon inspection, the Department may act to enforce the provisions of this chapter.
(Ord. 2016-0040 § 194, 2016: Ord. 2001-0042 § 2 (part), 2001.)

10.37.100 - Authority to Seize and Impound Animal Posing an Immediate Threat to Public Safety.

- A. An animal control or law enforcement officer may seize and impound a dog at large when probable cause exists that the dog poses an immediate threat to public safety. The owner or custodian of the dog is liable for the impound fee and costs if the dog is determined to be potentially dangerous or vicious. The fees and costs must be paid before the release of the dog, but no later than 14 days after the dog is available to be released.
- B. When a dog has been impounded under subsection A and it is not contrary to public safety, the Director may allow the animal to be confined at the owner's expense in a Department-approved animal or veterinary facility.

(Ord. 2016-0040 § 195, 2016: Ord. 2013-0033 § 5, 2013: Ord. 2011-0011 § 9, 2011: Ord. 2001-0042 § 2 (part), 2001.)

10.37.105. - Initial Administrative Review by Director of Potentially Dangerous Dog.

If grounds exist, the Director may impose conditions on the keeping of a potentially dangerous dog in lieu of serving a petition to determine if the dog is potentially dangerous. The Director will give written notice to the dog owner or custodian of his intention to impose conditions on the keeping of the dog. Within 14 days, the owner or custodian may agree to the designation of potentially dangerous dog and to the conditions or may submit a written request for a hearing as provided in Section 10.37.110.
(Ord. 2016-0040 § 196, 2016.)

10.37.110 - Potentially Dangerous or Vicious Dog Hearing.

- A. Hearing. If an animal control or a law enforcement officer has investigated and determined that there is probable cause that a dog is potentially dangerous or vicious, the Director may petition the Superior Court, within the judicial district where the dog is owned or kept, for a hearing, or serve a petition for an administrative hearing, to determine whether the dog should be declared potentially dangerous or vicious.
- B. Notice of Hearing and Petition. Whenever possible, a complaint from a member of the public that serves as the evidentiary basis for the animal control officer or law enforcement officer to find probable cause will be sworn to and verified by the complainant and attached to the petition. The Director must notify the owner or custodian of the dog that a hearing in the Superior Court or an administrative hearing will be held, at which time the owner or custodian may present evidence as to why the dog should not be declared potentially dangerous or vicious. The Director will serve the owner or custodian of the dog with notice of the hearing and a copy of the petition, either personally or by first class mail. The hearing will be held promptly between five and ten working days after the service of the notice upon the owner or custodian of the dog. For purposes of this chapter, service is complete upon deposit of the document(s) in the mail or when the documents are personally served.
- C. Conduct of Hearing. The hearing will be conducted as an administrative hearing, or a limited civil case under Code of Civil Procedure Section 85, et seq., open to the public. The judicial officer or administrative hearing officer will admit all relevant evidence, including incident reports and the affidavits of witnesses. A jury will not be available. The judicial officer or administrative hearing

officer may find, upon a preponderance of the evidence, that the dog is potentially dangerous or vicious and will make other orders or findings required or authorized by this chapter. The judicial officer or administrative hearing officer may decide all issues for or against the owner or custodian of the dog even if the owner or custodian fails to appear at the hearing.

- D. Administrative Hearing Officer. The hearing will be conducted by a neutral hearing officer. The Department may authorize its own employee to conduct the hearing if the hearing officer is not the same person who signed the petition or directed the seizure or impoundment of the dog, and is not junior in rank to that person(s). In the alternative, the Department may use the services of a hearing officer from outside the Department.

(Ord. 2016-0040 § 197, 2016: Ord. 2013-0033 § 6, 2013: Ord. 2011-0038 § 3, 2011: Ord. 2001-0042 § 2 (part), 2001)

10.37.120- Notice of Determination and Appeal from Court Hearing.

- A. Following a court hearing the parties will be notified in writing of the determination and order issued, either personally or by first class mail, postage prepaid by the court. If either party contests the determination, he or she may, within 14 calendar days after the mailing of the notice of determination, appeal the decision to the Superior Court, before a judge other than the judge who originally heard the petition. The fee for filing an appeal is the fee provided for in section 31622(a) of the Food and Agricultural Code, payable to the County clerk. The party appealing must serve notice of the appeal upon the other party personally or by first class mail, postage prepaid.
- B. The court hearing the appeal must conduct a hearing de novo, without a jury, and make its own determination as to the potential danger or viciousness of the dog, and make any orders authorized by this Chapter, based upon the evidence presented. The hearing will be conducted in the same manner and within the time periods set forth in Section 10.37.110. The court may admit all relevant evidence, including incident reports. The issue will be decided upon the preponderance of the evidence.
- C. The court hearing the appeal may decide all issues for or against the owner or custodian of the dog even if the owner or custodian fails to appear at the hearing.
- D. The determination of the court hearing the appeal is final and conclusive upon all parties.

(Ord. 2016-0040 § 198, 2016: Ord. 2013-0033 § 7, 2013: Ord. 2011-0038 § 4, 2011: Ord. 2001-0042 § 2 (part), 2001.)

10.37.121- Notice of Decision and Judicial Review of Administrative Decision.

Following an administrative hearing conducted pursuant to Section 10.37.110, a written notice of the decision must be served on the Department and the owner or custodian of the dog either personally or by first class mail within ten calendar days after the hearing. If either party desires to contest the decision, the appealing party must notify the other party, in writing, within 14 calendar days after the decision is served, of the intention to seek judicial review of the decision. The party seeking judicial review by the Superior Court must comply with all requirements of Code of Civil Procedure section 1094.5, et seq.

(Ord. 2016-0040 § 199, 2016: Ord. 2013-0033 § 8, 2013: Ord. 2011-0038 § 5, 2011.)

10.37.130 - Consequences of Potentially Dangerous Dog Determination.

The following conditions apply to a dog determined to be potentially dangerous:

- A. The dog must be properly licensed, microchipped, and vaccinated at the owner or custodian's expense before it is released to the dog's owner or custodian. If the dog was not impounded, the dog owner or custodian must provide proof that the dog is licensed, microchipped, and vaccinated within 14 calendar days after the decision or court order declaring the dog to be potentially dangerous is served on the dog owner or custodian. The Department may include the designation in the registration records of the dog after the court or the hearing officer has determined that the designation applies to the dog.
- B. The dog, while on the owner or custodian's property, must be kept indoors or in a securely fenced yard or enclosure from which the dog cannot escape, and into which children cannot enter. The Department must inspect and give written approval of the yard or enclosure before the dog is released to its owner or custodian. If the dog was not impounded, the Department must inspect and give written approval of the yard or enclosure within 14 calendar days after the decision or court order declaring the dog to be potentially dangerous is served on the dog owner or custodian.
- C. The dog may be off the owner or custodian's premises only if it is muzzled and restrained by a substantial leash, not exceeding six feet in length, and if it is under the control of an adult capable of restraining and controlling the dog. At no time may the dog be left unattended while off the owner or custodian's premises.

- D. The owner or custodian of the dog must notify the Department immediately if the dog is at large or has committed an attack on any person, domestic animal, or livestock. If the dog no longer resides with the owner or custodian, or the dog is transferred to another person(s), the owner or custodian must advise the Department of the dog's new location in writing under penalty of perjury, and provide a copy of the administrative decision or court order declaring the dog to be potentially dangerous to the new owner and custodian. Each subsequent owner or custodian must provide each new owner and custodian with a copy of the administrative decision or court order during the effective period of the decision or court order. Likewise, if the dog is moved to another jurisdiction, the owner or custodian is required to provide the animal control authorities in the new jurisdiction with a copy of the administrative decision or court order during the effective period of the decision or court order.
- E. The owner or custodian of the dog must complete an obedience course for a minimum of ten hours of training with the dog, at the owner or custodian's expense within 60 calendar days after release of the dog to the owner or custodian. The course must be approved by the Department before the release of the dog to the owner or custodian. If the dog was not impounded, the dog owner or custodian must obtain approval of the course by the Department within 14 calendar days after the decision or court order declaring the dog to be potentially dangerous is served on the dog owner or custodian.
- F. The dog must be spayed or neutered at the expense of the owner or custodian before the release of the dog to its owner or custodian. If the dog was not impounded, the dog owner or custodian must provide proof that the dog has been spayed or neutered within 30 calendar days after the decision or court order declaring the dog to be potentially dangerous is served on the dog owner or custodian.
- G. The owner or custodian of the dog may be required to maintain general liability insurance covering property damage and bodily injury caused by a potentially dangerous or vicious dog, with a combined single limit of \$300,000 per occurrence. If required to maintain insurance, the owner or custodian must show proof of insurance within 14 calendar days after the decision or court order declaring the dog to be potentially dangerous is served on the dog owner or custodian.
- H. All charges for services performed by the Department and all fines must be paid before the release of the dog to its owner or custodian or within 14 calendar days after the services are performed or the charges and fines are ordered to be paid. If the owner or custodian does not take possession of the dog and pay the charges and fines within 14 calendar days after the services are performed or the fines are ordered to be paid, the dog will be deemed abandoned and may be disposed of by the Department.
- I. If the determination that a dog is potentially dangerous under Section 10.37.020 is made after a court hearing, the judicial officer must impose a fine on the owner and/or custodian of up to \$500 for each separate basis upon which the determination was made. The fine will be paid to the Department to defray the costs of the implementation of this chapter.
- J. A judicial officer or administrative hearing officer may impose other reasonable conditions that are necessary to protect the public safety and welfare.

(Ord. 2016-0040 § 200, 2016: Ord. 2013-0033 § 9, 2013: Ord. 2011-0038 § 6, 2011: Ord. 2001-0042 § 2 (part), 2001.)

10.37.140 - Consequences of Vicious Dog Determination.

- A. A dog determined to be a vicious dog may be destroyed by the Department when it is found, after a hearing conducted under Section 10.37.110, that the release of the dog would create a significant threat to the public health, safety, or welfare.
- B. If it is determined that a dog found to be vicious will not be destroyed, the judicial officer or administrative hearing officer must impose the conditions on an owner and custodian of potentially dangerous dogs required by Section 10.37.130, the conditions required by this section, and any other conditions necessary to protect the public health, safety, or welfare.
- C. The enclosure that is required by subsection B of Section 10.37.130 must be an enclosure that is enclosed on all sides and is locked by a padlock. It may be required to have a top and a cement floor. The enclosure must be approved by the Department in writing before the release of the dog to the owner or custodian. If the dog was not impounded, the dog owner or custodian must obtain the written approval of the Department within 14 calendar days after the decision or court order declaring the dog to be vicious is served on the dog owner or custodian.
- D. The owner or custodian of a vicious dog must give written notice of the vicious dog determination to the United States Post Office (local branch) and to all utility companies providing services to the premises where the dog is kept. The owner or custodian must provide a copy of the notices to the

Department before the release of the dog from impound. If the dog was not impounded, the dog owner or custodian must provide a copy of the required notices to the Department within 14 calendar days after the administrative hearing or court determination declaring the dog is vicious.

- E. The owner or custodian of the dog must post one or more signs on the premises, at a location(s) approved by the Department, stating that a vicious dog resides on the premises. The sign(s) must be posted within 14 calendar days after the decision or court order declaring the dog to be vicious is served on the owner or custodian.
- F. If the determination that a dog is vicious under Section 10.37.030 is made after a court hearing, the judicial officer must impose a fine on the owner and/or custodian of up to \$1,000 for each separate basis upon which the determination was made. The fine must be paid to the Department to defray the cost of the implementation of this chapter.
- G. The owner or custodian of a dog determined to be a vicious dog may be prohibited from owning, keeping, possessing, controlling, or having custody of any dog for a period of up to three years, if it is found at the hearing that ownership or possession of a dog by that person would create a significant threat to the public health, safety, or welfare.

(Ord. 2016-0040 § 201, 2016: Ord. 2013-0033 § 10, 2013: Ord. 2011-0038 § 7, 2011: Ord. 2001-0042 § 2 (part), 2001.)

10.37.150 - Compliance with Conditions and Consequences of Violation of Conditions.

- A. The hearing officer or judicial officer who heard the petition to determine if a dog is potentially dangerous or vicious may schedule follow-up hearing dates to ensure compliance with all conditions imposed.
- B. Consequences that may result from the failure of an owner or custodian of a dog released after a hearing pursuant to Section 10.37.110 or Section 10.37.120 to comply with any of the conditions imposed under Section 10.37.130 or Section 10.37.140 include, but are not limited to the following:
 - 1. The failure to comply with any condition is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not exceeding \$1,000 or by imprisonment in the County Jail for a period not to exceed six months, or by both the fine and imprisonment;
 - 2. A violation of any part of an administrative decision or court order may be the subject of a civil action for injunctive relief to enjoin the person who violated the decision or order. The filing and prosecution of an action for injunctive relief does not limit the authority or ability of the County to take any other action permitted by law;
 - 3. A violation of an administrative decision or court order following a determination that a dog is potentially dangerous, may result in the filing of an action to determine if the dog is vicious under Section 10.37.030.C.

(Ord. 2016-0040 § 202, 2016: Ord. 2013-0033 § 11, 2013: Ord. 2011-0038 § 8, 2011: Ord. 2001-0042 § 2 (part), 2001.)

10.37.160 - Removal of Designation.

- A. Potentially Dangerous Dog. If there is no additional instances of the behavior described in Section 10.37.020 within a 36 month period from the date of designation as a potentially dangerous dog, the dog will be removed from the list of potentially dangerous dogs. The dog may, but is not required to be, removed from the list of potentially dangerous dogs before the expiration of the 36 month period if the owner or custodian of the dog demonstrates to the Director that changes in circumstances or measures taken by the owner or custodian, such as the training of the dog, have reduced the risk to public safety.
- B. Vicious Dog. A vicious dog determination based on Section 10.37.030.A. may be removed after one year if the dog is two years of age or older and the owner or custodian demonstrates to the Director that the dog poses no threat to people or animals.

(Ord. 2016-0040 § 203, 2016: Ord. 2001-0042 § 2 (part), 2001.)

10.37.170 - Exceptions.

No dog may be declared potentially dangerous or vicious if:

- A. The injury or damage is sustained by a person who, at the time the injury or damage was sustained, was committing a willful trespass or other tort upon premises occupied by the owner or custodian of the dog, or was teasing, tormenting, abusing, or assaulting the dog, or was committing or attempting to commit a crime;
- B. The dog was protecting or defending a person from an unjustified attack or assault within the immediate vicinity of the dog;

- C. The injury was sustained by an animal that, at the time of the injury, initiated an attack against the dog;
- D. The injury was sustained by an animal while the dog was working as a hunting, herding, or predator-control dog while under the control of its owner or custodian; and the injury was to a type of animal appropriate to the work of the dog.

(Ord. 2016-0040 § 204, 2016: Ord. 2013-0033 § 12, 2013: Ord. 2001-0042 § 2 (part), 2001.)

10.37.180 - Infraction/Misdemeanor Penalty for Dog Bites.

An owner or custodian of a dog who allows a dog to be uncontrolled or at large on public property, on the private property of another person, or on common areas of private property is guilty of an infraction, or a misdemeanor if the dog injures a person or a domestic animal or livestock.

(Ord. 2016-0040 § 205, 2016: Ord. 2013-0033 § 14, 2013: Ord. 2001-0042 § 2 (part), 2001.)

Chapter 10.39
Rodeos

10.39.010 - Rodeos—Purpose of Section—Permit Required.

- A. The Department is authorized to establish and enforce standard rules and safety regulations relating to the use of animals in rodeos.
- B. In addition to complying with the provisions of Section 7.90.590 of this code, an applicant for a rodeo permit must furnish the Department with the following:
 - 1. A list of all proposed events and acts, including the dates, times, and locations of each;
 - 2. A detailed diagram of the arena indicating the location of chutes, catch chutes, and pens for all events and acts; and;
 - 3. A copy of the applicant's rules and regulations governing the conduct of the contestants and events, demonstrating compliance with the Department's regulations.
- C. No one may intentionally trip or fell any equine animal by any means for the purpose of entertainment or sport.

(Ord. 2016-0040 § 206, 2016: Ord. 95-0016 § 2, 1995: Ord. 90-0089 § 8, 1990.)

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10.40.010 - Animal Care—Requirements for Animal Owners and Animal Facilities.

A person who owns an animal or who owns or operates an animal facility, must comply with each of the following conditions, the failure of which is a misdemeanor:

- A. Housing facilities for animals must be structurally sound and maintained in good repair to protect the animals from injury, contain the animals, and restrict the entrance of other animals.
- B. All animals must be supplied with sufficient food and water suitable for the age, species, and nutritional requirements of the animal. Animals must have access at all times to potable water, unless otherwise directed by a veterinarian. All animal food must be properly stored to prevent contamination, infestation by vermin, and exposure to the elements.
- C. Animals must be groomed and kept in a manner that is not injurious to their health. All animal buildings or enclosures must be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition to control odors and prevent the spread of disease.
- D. All animals must be maintained in a manner to eliminate excessive and nighttime noise.
- E. No animals may be without attention for more than 12 consecutive hours; whenever an animal is left unattended at a commercial animal facility, the telephone number of the Department, or the name, address, and telephone number of the responsible person, must be posted in a conspicuous place at the front of the property. Animal facilities that breed dogs must comply with the applicable minimum staffing requirements set forth in Section 10.40.200.
- F. Animals may not be neglected, teased, abused, mistreated, annoyed, tormented, or in any manner made to suffer.
- G. No condition may be maintained or permitted that is or could be injurious to the animals.
- H. Tethering of animals is prohibited except as permitted under California Health and Safety Code section 122335.
- I. Animal buildings and enclosures must be constructed and maintained to prevent escape of animals. All reasonable precautions must be taken to protect the animals and the public.
- J. An animal facility must isolate sick animals so as to not endanger the health of other animals.
- K. A building or enclosure for animals must be kept in a sanitary condition and in good repair, and must be constructed of material easily cleaned. The building must be properly ventilated to prevent drafts and to remove odors. Heating and cooling must be provided to meet the physical need of the animals, with sufficient light to allow observation of the animals and proper sanitation. An animal facility must be equipped with working smoke alarms and have means of fire suppression, such as a sprinkler system in each room where animals are kept, or functioning fire extinguishers.
- L. An animal must be taken to a veterinarian for examination or treatment if the Director orders the owner or custodian to do so.
- M. All animal enclosures, including, but not limited to, rooms, cages, and kennel runs, must be of sufficient size to provide adequate and proper accommodations for the animals housed there. An enclosure with a wire bottom may be used temporarily for dogs, and only if it complies with Health and Safety Code sections 122065 and 122065.5. If enclosures, such as crates and other mobile enclosures, are stacked upon one another, or on a surface other than the floor, the crates/enclosures must be securely fastened and designed and arranged so that: there is no danger of an enclosure

falling; the animals do not have direct access to one another; and waste from one enclosure cannot be transmitted to another enclosure. Food and water containers must be secured to prevent spillage. Crates may be stacked no more than two crates high.

- N. A violation of an ordinance must be corrected within the time specified by the Director.
- O. Proper shelter and protection from the weather must be provided at all times.
- P. An animal must not be given any alcoholic beverage, unless prescribed by a veterinarian.
- Q. Animals that are natural enemies, temperamentally unsuited or otherwise incompatible, must not be housed together, or so near each other as to cause injury, fear, or torment. Two or more animals can be housed together if they do not harm each other.
- R. Any tack, equipment, device, substance, or material that is, or could be, injurious or cause unnecessary cruelty to any animal may not be used.
- S. Working animals must be given adequate rest periods. Confined or restrained animals must be given appropriate exercise.
- T. An animal that is weak, exhausted, sick, injured, lame, or otherwise unfit may not be worked or used.
- U. An animal that the Department has suspended from use may not be worked or used until released by the Department.
- V. Animals bearing evidence of malnutrition, ill health, unhealed injury, or having been kept in an unsanitary condition may not be displayed.
- W. An animal whose appearance is or may be offensive or contrary to public decency may not be displayed.
- X. No animal may be allowed to constitute or cause a hazard, or be a menace to the health, peace, or safety of the community.
- Y. A person may not violate any condition imposed by the Director on any license issued by the Department.

(Ord. 2016-0040 § 207, 2016: Ord. 2011-0011 § 10, 2011: Ord. 2000-0075 § 52, 2000: Ord. 9454 § 1 (part), 1967: Ord. 4729 Art. 9 § 901, 1946.)

10.40.015- Sale of Live Animals—Prohibited at Swap Meet.

Live animals may not be displayed, sold, or promoted for sale at a swap meet. "Live animal" includes, but is not limited to, dogs, cats, birds, fish, poultry, rabbits, and livestock.

(Ord. 2016-0040 § 208, 2016: Ord. 85-0204 § 26, 1985.)

10.40.016- Sale of Animals on Shelter Property.

Animals may not be sold or otherwise transferred to another person at County animal care centers unless authorized by the Director.

(Ord. 2016-0040 § 209, 2016: Ord. 2000-0075 § 53, 2000.)

10.40.040 - Animal Facilities—Records Required for Each Animal.

- A. A person who has an animal facility license must keep available for inspection on the premises the following records:
 - 1. The name and current contact information of the owner of each animal kept at the animal facility;
 - 2. The date the animal entered and left the animal facility, including any animal that died while at the facility;
 - 3. The reason that the animal was at the facility, such as for boarding, sale, breeding, or grooming;
 - 4. The description of the animal, including its age, breed, sex, color, and other available identifying information, such as an animal license number, tattoo, or microchip registration number.
- B. A current, valid rabies certificate must be maintained for every dog and cat older than four months of age while the dog or cat is kept at the animal facility.
- C. Any animal facility selling dogs and/or cats to the public must post a notice containing the breeder's name, address, and license number on each dog or cat's cage. If the breeder's name is not known, the name and address of the person from whom the dog or cat was obtained must be displayed.
- D. A violation of any requirement of this section is a misdemeanor.

(Ord. 2016-0040 § 212, 2016: Ord. 2011-0011 § 11, 2011: Ord. 9454 § 1 (part), 1967: Ord. 4729 Art. 9 § 905, 1946.)

10.40.060 - Excessive Animal Noise.

- A. Excessive Noise. It is unlawful for an owner or custodian of an animal to allow the animal to emit any excessive noise after the Department has issued a written warning notice of an excessive noise

complaint. For purposes of this section, the term "excessive noise" means a noise that is unreasonably annoying, disturbing, offensive, or that unreasonably interferes with the comfortable enjoyment of life or property. An owner or custodian who fails to abate the noise within 10 days after the warning is mailed may be cited.

- B. Complaints. All complaints to the Department regarding violations of subdivision A must be made in writing, signed under penalty of perjury, and must include the name, address, and telephone number of the complainant(s), as well as the address of the animal owner or custodian and a description of the noise, including the date(s) and approximate times of the excessive noise.
- C. Administrative Citations. Violators of this section are subject to citation under Section 10.04.075 of this Title 10, and to any other applicable penalties.

(Ord. 2016-0040 § 214, 2016: Ord. 85-0204 § 23, 1985: Ord. 9454 § 1 (part), 1967: Ord. 4729 Art. 9 § 904, 1946.)

10.40.065- Animal Nuisance.

- A. Definition. An animal nuisance arises when an animal bites or otherwise injures a person, attacks other animals, is repeatedly at large, damages and/or strays on private or public property, or otherwise interferes with the comfortable enjoyment of life or property.
- B. Violation. When the Department receives a complaint of an animal nuisance, it will issue a written notice to the owner or custodian of the animal advising of the nuisance, and ordering the owner to correct the nuisance. An animal owner or custodian who fails to immediately correct the animal nuisance after receiving written notice from the Department is guilty of a misdemeanor.

(Ord. 2016-0040 § 215, 2016: Ord. 2000-0075 § 54, 2000: Ord. 85-0204 § 24, 1985.)

10.40.066- Waste Removal.

A person who owns or has custody of a dog (except a visually-impaired person with a guide dog) is required to remove the dog's feces immediately from public property or private property not owned or possessed by the owner or custodian of the dog. The dog's feces must be disposed of in a sanitary manner. A violation of this section is an infraction punishable by a fine of up to \$100.

(Ord. 2016-0040 § 216, 2016.)

10.40.070 - Wild Animals—Enclosure Requirements.

Wild animals must be maintained in buildings, enclosed yards, paddocks, or cages, as specified by the Director, and must be kept at distances from adjacent buildings as specified in applicable zoning and health code laws.

(Ord. 2016-0040 § 217, 2016: Ord. 9454 § 1 (part), 1967: Ord. 4729 Art. 9 § 907, 1946.)

10.40.080 - Wild Animals—Transportation.

A person transporting a wild animal through the County of Los Angeles must take adequate precautions to protect the public, and must notify the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and the Department if an animal escapes.

(Ord. 2016-0040 § 218, 2016: Ord. 9454 § 1 (part), 1967: Ord. 4729 Art. 9 § 909, 1946.)

10.40.090 - Liability of Licensees for Acts of Employees.

An act or omission of an employee of an animal care facility in caring for animals is assumed to be an act or omission of the licensee.

(Ord. 2016-0040 § 219, 2016: Ord. 9454 § 1 (part), 1967: Ord. 4729 Art. 9 § 910, 1946.)

10.40.100 - Animal Facility License Holders to Provide Lists of Animals Sold—Advertisement and Vaccination Requirements.

- A. A person who has an animal facility license must complete a form provided by the Department listing all animals sold, and submit it to the Department upon demand.
- B. An advertisement for the sale or adoption of an animal must include the animal facility license number or breeding license number of the seller.
- C. An animal facility must maintain records confirming that each dog and cat in its custody and control has received a rabies vaccination, as required by this code, and provide the vaccination records to a new owner.

(Ord. 2016-0040 § 220, 2016: Ord. 2011-0011 § 12, 2011: Ord. 90-0089 § 9, 1990: Ord. 83-0182 § 22, 1983.)

10.40.200 - Breeding License, Restrictions and Requirements.

- A. General Requirements.

1. Dog Breeding License. A dog breeding license is an animal facility license issued to a person who breeds dogs commercially. A person, as defined in Section 10.08.190, applying for a dog breeding license must comply with all licensing requirements set forth in Section 10.28.050, all other applicable ordinances, and all federal and state laws, including, but not limited to, Health and Safety Code section 122045, et seq. Approval from the public health officer may be required, if necessary, because of health concerns. The size category of the dog to be bred (Adult size: 1-20 lbs.; 21-50 lbs.; 51-100 lbs.; and 101+ lbs.) and the number of dogs to be housed at the facility will be stated on the license. A change in the size category of dogs bred requires re-inspection and a new license application.
2. Breeding Facilities Housing 50 or Fewer Sexually Intact Dogs Over the Age of One Year. An animal facility may not have more than a total of 50 sexually intact dogs over the age of one year, unless it meets the requirements of Subsection A.3. below. An animal facility having 50 or fewer dogs must have adequate staffing on the premises of the animal facility to attend to the dogs at least eight hours in every 24-hour period, so long as the dogs are not left unattended for longer than 12 continuous hours. Whenever the dogs are left unattended, the telephone number of the Department of animal care and control, or the name, address, and telephone number of the responsible person, must be posted in a conspicuous place at the front of the property.
3. Breeding Facilities Housing 51 or More Sexually Intact Dogs Over the Age of One Year. The Director may approve an application for 51 or more dogs if the applicant complies with the following additional requirements:
 - a. Facilities with 51 or more sexually intact dogs over the age of one year will be re-inspected more frequently. The number of re-inspections per year is determined by the number of dogs housed in the facility:
 - 51-75 dogs: one annual re-inspection;
 - 76-100 dogs: two annual re-inspections;
 - 101-125 dogs: three annual re-inspections;
 - 126-150 dogs: four annual re-inspections;
 - 151 + dogs: five annual re-inspections.
 - b. The animal facility demonstrates that it is able to house and care for the number of dogs in compliance with the requirements of this section and all applicable requirements of Title 10;
 - c. The animal facility provides a written medical program, approved by a California licensed veterinarian, to prevent and control illness and parasitism. The program must include a regular de-worming schedule and a regular vaccination schedule against commonly transmitted canine diseases, and must be updated annually;
 - d. The animal facility maintains records on site, demonstrating that an annual veterinary examination has been performed on each intact male or female dog over one year of age. The record of each exam must reflect that a physical exam consisting of auscultation and palpation, and a visual evaluation of the dog including eyes, ears, mouth, and general body condition was performed. The record of each exam must also include the weight, temperature, heart rate, respiration, any significant medical findings relating to the dog's condition, and any recommendations for treatment;
 - e. The animal facility obtains approval from the Director of an emergency response plan, which is updated annually; and
 - f. The animal facility maintains adequate staffing at the facility 18 hours a day to attend to the animals. Whenever an animal is left unattended, the telephone number of the Department of Animal Care and Control, or the name, address and telephone number of the responsible person, must be posted in a conspicuous place at the front of the property.
- B. Health of Breeding Dogs.
 1. A female unaltered dog must be at least 12 months old before being bred. Records of litters birthed are required to be maintained pursuant to Subsection D below;
 2. Offspring may not be removed from the premises earlier than eight weeks of age except for medical reasons ordered by a California licensed veterinarian. The order must be in writing, state the medical reason for early separation, and be provided to the Department, if requested, up to two years after its issuance.
- C. Housing Requirements.
 1. The housing for the animals must comply with Section 10.40.010;

2. Each pregnant dog must be housed separately at least three days before giving birth and be monitored at reasonable intervals;
 3. A dog who has just given birth must be provided with a contained nesting area and housed with her litter in their own run or enclosure until the newborns are weaned.
- D. Dog Identification and Recordkeeping.
1. The following current records must be maintained and produced upon request to determine licensing compliance or for any other purpose relating to the public health, safety, or welfare. These records must be provided to a purchaser of any dog sold or transferred to another person by the facility:
 - a. All dogs must be microchipped or tattooed upon reaching the age of four months or prior to sale or transfer, whichever is earlier. Microchip and tattoo records must be kept for all dogs.
 - b. In addition to the records required by California Health and Safety Code sections 122050 and 122055 relating to dogs, breeding facilities must keep the following records for all dogs: the date and from whom the dog was acquired; the date of each litter birthed by each female animal; veterinary records; and the cause of death and the method of disposal.
 2. Knowingly providing false information or records relating to any animal is a misdemeanor.
- E. Reasonable Restrictions on the Breeding of Animals Other Than Dogs. Breeders of animals, other than dogs, that are normally kept as pets for sale or exchange in return for consideration, must comply with all applicable requirements of Section 10.40.010. In addition, the Director may impose reasonable conditions on a breeding license, including a limitation on the number of animals permitted at a facility, and may impose recordkeeping requirements, in the interest of the health and safety of the public and of the animals.
- F. Noncompliance—Penalties. The penalties for violations of any provision of this Section 10.40.200 are as follows:
1. First Violation. A first violation is an infraction punishable by a fine of up to \$250. If the owner or custodian fails to correct the underlying cause of the violation within 30 days after being notified of the violation, it is a second violation.
 2. Second Violation. A violation within a year of a first violation is a second violation. A second violation is a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment in the County jail for up to six months or by a fine of up to \$1,000, or both. Each subsequent violation within one year of the first violation is an additional misdemeanor.
- G. Noncompliance—Injunctive Relief. Any act or failure to act in violation of this Section may be the subject of a civil action to ensure compliance. The filing and prosecution of an action will not limit the authority or ability of the County to enforce the requirements of Section 10.40.200 or to impose penalties or take any other action permitted by law.
- (Ord. 2016-0040 § 221, 2016: Ord. 2011-0011 § 13, 2011.)

ADDITIONAL CHAPTERS NOT INCLUDED IN THIS MANUAL

ANIMAL HEALTH

The following Chapters are enforced by the Department of Public Health.

<http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/>

Chapter 10.48.....	Definitions and General Provisions
Chapter 10.52.....	Stockyards and Hog Ranches
Chapter 10.56.....	Importing of Animals
Chapter 10.60.....	Tuberculosis Control
Chapter 10.64.....	Quarantines
Chapter 10.68.....	Sanitation and Other Requirements
Chapter 10.72.....	Animal Disease Reports

MISCELLANEOUS REGULATIONS

The following Chapter is enforced by the Agricultural Commissioner/Weights & Measures

<http://acwm.lacounty.gov/wps/portal/acwm>

Chapter 10.76.....	Apiaries
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Chapter 10.80
Dogs in Open Vehicles

10.80.010 - Transporting Dogs in Open Vehicles Prohibited When.

It is unlawful for a person to transport any dog in or on the back or bed of any open truck or other open vehicle while traveling on any County road, street, highway, lane, or alley, unless the dog is cross tethered to a harness or the back or bed of the vehicle is partially enclosed by stakes, racks, or other similar devices that rise at least two feet, nine inches above the tops of the sides and back of the vehicle, and are designed to prevent the dog from falling or escaping from the vehicle. A violation of this section is a misdemeanor.

(Ord. 2016-0040 § 222, 2016: Ord. 12051 § 1 (part), 1980: Ord. 12004 § 1, 1979.)

Chapter 10.84
Feeding of Certain Predator Animals

10.84.010 - Providing Food for Certain Rodents or Predator Animals Prohibited.

- A. It is unlawful to feed a nondomesticated rodent or nondomesticated mammalian predator as defined in this section, unless:
 - 1. The person is the owner of the animal and the animal is kept in accordance with the requirements of the State Department of Fish and Wildlife; or
 - 2. After notifying the responsible agency to pick up the animal, the person provides food to a trapped or injured animal.
 - B. For purposes of this chapter:
 - 1. "Rodent" includes ground squirrels;
 - 2. "Mammalian predators" include coyotes, raccoons, foxes, and opossums.
 - C. A violation of this section is a misdemeanor.
- (Ord. 2016-0040 § 224, 2016: Ord. 81-0029U § 1 (part), 1981.)

Chapter 10.90
Fee for Services and Activities

10.90.010 - Licensing Fees Schedule.

The license fees required to be paid are as follows, except that the Director may waive, reduce, or refund fees for undue hardship:

I. Individual Animal Licenses	Fees
Except for discharged military dogs and service animals, a person who owns a dog or cat over the age of four months and pays the license fee required under this section will be issued a tag and license that must be renewed annually:	
A. Dog license and tag fees	
1. Unaltered (Unspayed/unneutered) (\$5 of each fee received is designated for low cost spay/neuter program)	\$60.00
2. Altered (Spayed/neutered) (\$5 of each fee received is designated for low cost spay/neuter program)	\$20.00
3. Senior citizen—Spayed/neutered dog	\$7.50
4. Disabled Veteran	\$7.50
5. A delinquency charge equal to the cost of the license will be added if the license application or renewal is not submitted within 30 days after the due date.	
6. Replacement of tag or official license receipt	\$5.00
7. Transfer of ownership	\$5.00
8. Discharged military dogs (one-time registration fee)	\$5.00
9. Field enforcement fee: The owner or custodian of a dog found unlicensed by a Department employee in the field will be charged a field enforcement fee	\$40.00
B. Cat license Fees:	
1. Unspayed/unneutered	\$10.00
2. Spayed/neutered	\$5.00
3. Replacement cat tag	\$5.00
4. Transfer of ownership	\$5.00
5. A delinquency charge equal to the cost of the license will be added if the license application or renewal is not submitted within 30 days after the due date	
6. Field enforcement fee: The owner or custodian of a cat found unlicensed by a Department employee in the field will be charged a field enforcement fee	\$40.00
C. Other animals – Licenses required:	
1. Pygmy pigs	\$50.00
2. Wild animals	\$100.00
3. Service animals – one time registration fee	\$5.00
4. A delinquency charge for annual license renewal equivalent to the cost of the license, will be added to the license fee if the renewal is submitted more than 10 calendar days past the expiration date of a license, or if a license application was not otherwise timely submitted	
5. Field enforcement fee: The owner or custodian of an animal found unlicensed by a department employee in the field will be charged a field enforcement fee.	\$40.00
D. Voluntary identification and registration	
An animal may be registered in the Department's Voluntary Identification Program at the owner's request, if the animal is microchipped and upon the payment of the following fees:	
1. Initial identification and registration	\$20.00
2. Annual renewal	\$10.00
3. Transfer of ownership	\$5.00
II. Animal Facility Licenses	Fees
Licenses for the animal facilities listed below are required to be obtained annually.	

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A. Initial animal facility license fees (including inspection):	
1. License fees:	
a. Pet shop	\$250.00
b. Grooming parlor/mobile	\$250.00
c. Animal menagerie	\$250.00
d. Wild animal dealer	\$250.00
e. Hobby breeder (See Section 10.20.045)	\$250.00
f. Rodeo	
(i) First day or one day event	\$250.00
(ii) Each additional day	\$25.00
g. Animal exhibition	
(i) First day or one day event	\$250.00
(ii) Each additional day	\$25.00
h. Pygmy pig breeder	\$250.00
i. Non-profit humane organization facility	\$250.00
j. Dog and cat breeding and/or boarding facility	
For purposes of license fee computation, fee is based on 75 percent of the total capacity of the facility or the actual animal population housed at the time of the inspection, whichever is greater.	
(i) 5-20 dogs or cats	\$300.00
(ii) 21-50 dogs or cats	\$350.00
(iii) 51-75 dogs or cats	\$400.00
(iv) 76-100 dogs or cats	\$450.00
(v) Over 100 dogs or cats	\$525.00
2. Penalty for operation of an animal facility without license. A penalty equivalent to the cost of the license will be added to the license fee if a facility operates without a license.	
3. Fee reduction for each additional animal facility application made at the same location at the same time.	\$125.00
B. Renewal animal facility license fees (including inspection):	
1. All animal facilities:	
a. Pet shop	\$175.00
b. Grooming parlor/mobile	\$175.00
c. Animal menagerie	\$175.00
d. Wholesale wild animal dealer	\$175.00
e. Hobby breeder (defined in Section 10.20.045)	\$175.00
f. Pygmy pig breeder	\$175.00
g. Non-profit humane organization	\$175.00
h. Dog and cat breeding and/or boarding facility:	
For purposes of license fee computation, fee is based on 75 percent of the total capacity of the animal facility or the actual animal population housed at the time of the inspection, whichever is greater.	
(i) 5-20 dogs or cats	\$225.00
(ii) 21-50 dogs or cats	\$275.00
(iii) 51-75 dogs or cats	\$325.00
(iv) 76-100 dogs or cats	\$375.00
(v) Over 100 dogs or cats	\$450.00
2. A delinquency charge equal to the cost of the license will be added if the license application or renewal is not submitted within 30 days after the due date.	

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3. Fee reduction for each additional animal facility renewal application made at the same location at the same time.	\$50.00
C. Miscellaneous fee provisions:	
1. Reinspection	\$40.00
2. Inspection fee for animal permits under Los Angeles County Code Sections 22.52.330 and 22.56.420—22.56.530	\$50.00
3. Businesses using dogs for protection (Sections 10.20.280 and 10.20.290)	\$50.00
4. Penalty for ownership of wild animal without license	\$100.00

(Ord. 2016-0040 § 229, 2016; Ord. 2009-0043 § 15, 2009; Ord. 2009-0017 § 18, 2009; Ord. 2006-0029 § 6, 2006; Ord. 2004-0036 § 22, 2004; Ord. 2000-0075 § 58, 2000; Ord. 95-0016 § 3, 1995; Ord. 93-0002 § 7, 1993; Ord. 92-0110 § 6, 1992; Ord. 92-0086 § 1, 1992; Ord. 92-0056 § 1, 1992; Ord. 90-0137 § 22, 1990.)